

Georgia Senior Emergency Assistance Checklist (2025)

For Seniors and Caregivers — Quick Actions & Key Contacts

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1) Immediate Help

Need	What to Do	Contact
Police/Fire/Medical	Call 911	911
Mental health crisis	Georgia Crisis & Access Line (GCAL)	1-800-715-4225
Emotional support	988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline	Dial 988
Elder abuse/neglect	Adult Protective Services	1-866-552-4464 (Opt. 3)
Disaster assistance	FEMA Helpline	1-800-621-3362

2) Food & Nutrition

- Apply for SNAP via Georgia Gateway (<https://gateway.ga.gov>)
- Ask ADRC (1-866-552-4464) about Meals on Wheels
- Check local food pantries via 211

3) Housing & Utilities

- Apply for LIHEAP (energy bills) – Georgia DCA (<https://www.dca.ga.gov>)
- Search rentals via GeorgiaHousingSearch.org
- Ask about Weatherization Assistance (WAP) – GEFA (<https://gefa.georgia.gov>)
- Report unsafe housing to your county's housing authority

4) Health Care

- Apply for Medicaid (ABD) via DFCS or DCH – Medicaid (<https://dch.georgia.gov>)
- Call Georgia SHIP (1-866-552-4464 Opt. 4) for Medicare help

- Ask your AAA for Home & Community-Based Services (HCBS)

5) Money & Legal

- Apply for SSI or Social Security – SSA.gov
- Get free tax help – AARP Tax-Aide Locator
- Ask Georgia Legal Services or Atlanta Legal Aid for benefits help

6) Documents to Prepare

- Photo ID
- Social Security card
- Proof of income (award letters, pay stubs)
- Utility bill (proof of address)
- Medical bills (for deductions/assistance)

7) Keep These Handy

ADRC: 1-866-552-4464

DFCS (SNAP/Medicaid): 1-877-423-4746

GCAL: 1-800-715-4225

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FEMA: 1-800-621-3362

Tip: Keep this checklist near your phone or fridge. Review yearly or after big changes.

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