

# What are the major responsibilities of the Emergency Preparedness Coach?

- Build a warm and caring relationship with the elder buddy.
- Identify and address the elder buddy's preparedness needs.
- Deliver some materials and supplies to assist with preparedness efforts.
- Maintain contact with the elder buddy and check-in before, during, and after emergency situations such as snowstorms or hurricanes.



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## What is the Emergency Preparedness (EP) Buddies Program?

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The EP Buddies Program was developed to assist Brookline elders and adults with access and/or functional needs to prepare for and respond to emergency situations, thereby improving preparedness and resilience among elder residents.



## What We Do

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The program matches trained Brookline Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers with Brookline elders to help identify preparedness needs, set up communication plans, and prepare supplies for potential evacuations or sheltering.

Volunteer 'Coaches' contact their elder 'Buddies' in advance of known weather situations, to remind them to prepare appropriately.



## Who We Help

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The program is free for Brookline residents including elders and adults with access and/or functional needs who often live alone and have little or no family support.

If you would like to participate or recommend a potential participant to the EP Buddies program, please contact Sophie Gordon at (617) 730-2304 or via email [sgordon@brooklinema.gov](mailto:sgordon@brooklinema.gov)

