

# **Apps and Devices for Independence and Safety**

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Apps:

American Red Cross

- COVID-19 highlight

- Focus on preparedness

- Tips and advice for emergencies

- Find local hospitals

Distance Alerts

- For iPhone 12 Pro models

- LiDAR sensor

- Part of magnifier app

- Audible, visual, and tactile feedback

- Set a distance

- So you can know how close someone is to you

Emergency Chat

- Focused on people having a sensory overload

- Splash screen explains situation

- Basic text app

- Customizable

FEMA

- Set alerts for up to 5 places

- Preparedness tips / lists

- Set emergency meeting place

- Risk mitigation

- Disaster resources

- Find shelters

Food Delivery:

- UberEats

- goPuff

- Door Dash

ICE Medical Standard

- health info and emergency contact on your lock screen

option to order a physical card

Live Captions:

Google Live Transcribe

Ava app

Microsoft Teams

Zoom

NOVID: contact tracing for COVID-19

OCR – Optical Character Recognition:

Seeing AI

Tap Tap See

KNFB Reader

Shopping:

HEB

Instacart

Shipt

Chewy - pets

Walmart +

Video calls:

FaceTime

Google Hangouts

Facebook Video Messenger

Skype

Blue Jeans

Weather apps:

Weather Underground

Dark Sky

Hurricane Hound

Carrot Weather

Software:

Built in accessibility

Screen reading software – Voice Over and Narrator

Display accommodations (high contrast and color filter options)

Screen zoom (whole or partial screen magnification)

Voice control options for many tasks

Wearables:

Apple Watch

- Hand washing timer
- Hard fall detection
- SOS feature
- SIRI and 911
- Hands free usability
- Alerts from connected devices

EpicID

- USB device
- Loaded with emergency forms
- Waterproof
- Silicone band, Adjustable

Smart home solutions:

- Smart speakers – Amazon Echo, Google Nest
- Flood Sensor
- Smart lights
- One Link First Alert – smoke and carbon monoxide detector

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