

Emergency preparedness and response to people with disabilities: the Italian experience

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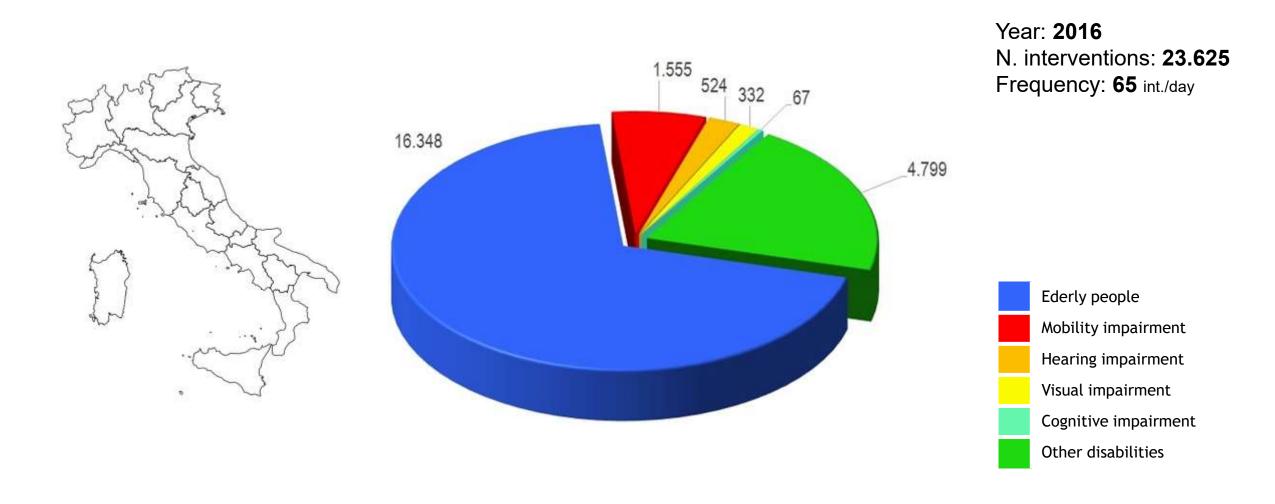
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Rescue scenarios and people with special needs - Italy, 2016







A rescue scenario between rescue and persons



HOW TO RECOGNIZE PEOPLE'S SPECIAL NEEDS AND THE WAYS TO MEET THEM DURING AN EMERGENCY

HOW TO RELATE TO THE PERSON TO BE HELPED ALSO THROUGH CLOSER PEOPLE LIKE CAREGIVERS OR OTHERS

HOW TO MANAGE THE SCENARIO ALSO THROUGH LOCAL RESOURCES

MANAGING THE SCENARIO WHILE WAITING FOR THE ARRIVAL OF RESCUERS, ALSO THROUGH THE AVAILABLE RESOURCES

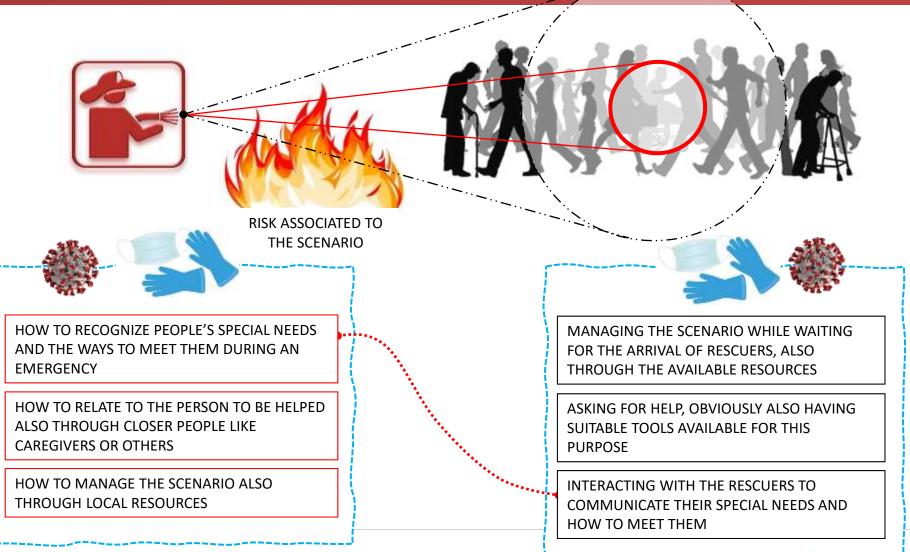
ASKING FOR HELP, OBVIOUSLY ALSO HAVING SUITABLE TOOLS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE

INTERACTING WITH THE RESCUERS TO COMMUNICATE THEIR SPECIAL NEEDS AND HOW TO MEET THEM



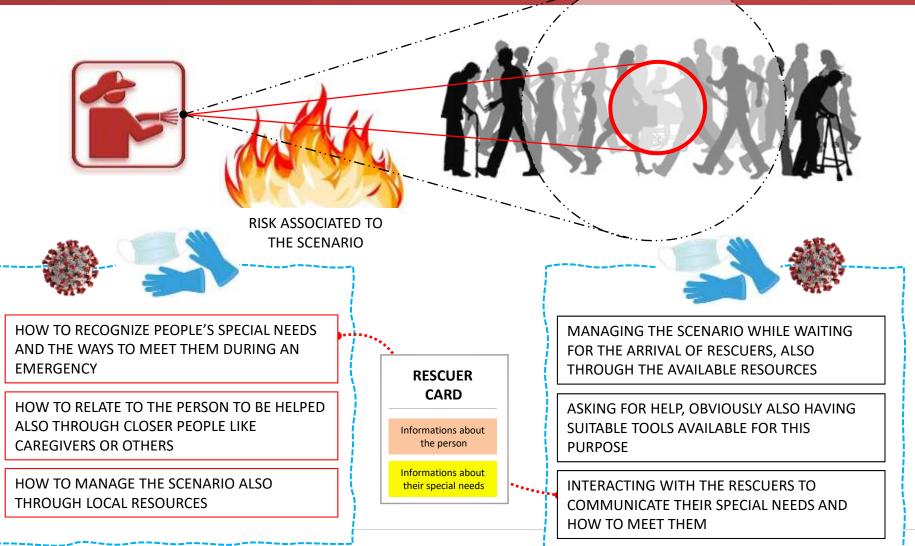


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Experience 1: rescue and people with autism



- Persons with autism
- Who are they?
- How can I recognize them?



Can someone help us to better understand these aspects and how to rescue these people?



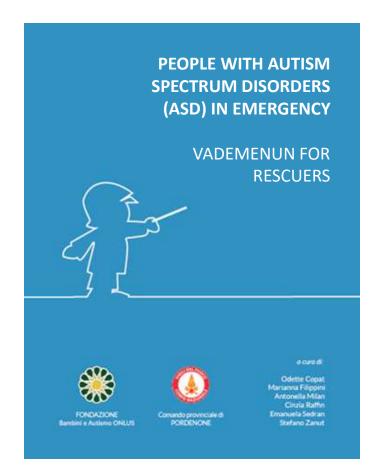
1% of the population suffers from autism spectrum disorder which affects males more than females, with a 4:1 ratio (DSM V - Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders).







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- What is autism?
- People with autism in emergency
- Can I recognize a person with autism by looking at him/her?
- Can I recognize a person with autism by the way he/she interacts with me?
- During an emergency situation, people with autism may react in an unusual or bizarre way, for example: ...
- What should I do if the person starts screaming to runaway from a place or a situation?
- What can be useful in an emergency and why
- Communicating with images





Di seguito si proporigono alcuni consigli su cosa fare in condizioni di emergenza dove sono presenti persone con autismo. Per ogni consiglio è possibile consultare la relativa motivazione spiegata a partire dalle caratteristiche dell'autismo, che vengono di volta in volta richiamate.

Can be useful

Può essere utile:

Richiamare l'attenzione della persona e quindi prepararia risu prima di comunicargli qualcosa; inte provare a pronunciare il suo nome (se lo si conosce) oppure di un'espressione preparatoria; guarda, asculta, stal attento,

pronti, ecc.

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 Le persone con ASD possono risultare assorte, distanti e poco interessate alle altre persone. Richiamare l'attenzione prima di una comunicazione le aluta a concentrarsi sull'interlocutore.





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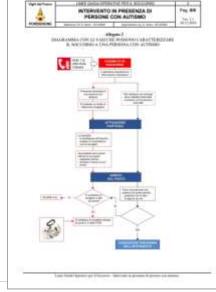














Experience 2: rescue and people with multiple sclerosis

































Experience 2: rescue and people with multiple sclerosis













Experience 2: rescue and people with multiple Sclerosis















Guidelines for inclusive rescue

- 1. General aspects with some data
- 3. How to recognize this disability

4. Criticalities connected with the scenario







5. Operative modes

6. Operation center





Help for All



(https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.h elpforall.grvvf&hl=en_US)



Information and operating procedures about:

- mobility impairment
- hearing impairment
- visual impairment
- autism
- down syndrome







Video with dialogues transcription for deaf people





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