

# WHAT IF...



# NO TRANSPORT

Most patients think they are prepared for an emergency, but few actually are.

## Emergency Checklist

1. Have a plan for backup transportation. In severe weather, public and private transportation services may be unavailable. Consider family, friends, neighbors, and church members.
2. Contact your facility to find out the plan for dialysis treatment. If transportation services are down from a disaster, dialysis is likely to be affected, too. Otherwise, try to reschedule.
3. Do not call 9-1-1 unless it is an emergency.
4. Make sure your dialysis clinic has your correct address and contact information.
5. If a disaster is expected and you are offered treatment in advance, DO IT.
6. Keep your 3-day meal plan ready in case transportation is out for a while.

## THE FACTS



- **Emergency responders will not transport patients** for regular dialysis following a disaster.



- During Hurricane Sandy, 4 out of 10 dialysis **patients refused extra treatment** ahead of the storm. **Rates of death were higher.**

