

**National Emergency Family Registry Locator System
(NEFRLS)
Guidelines for Database Usage and Suggested Scripts
To Register Displaced Persons**

“Good morning/afternoon Disaster Assistance Family Locator. My name is _____my PIN is____. Would you like to register, update your registration, or search for a family member?”

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NOTE: Do not send your completed form to this address.

“I would be happy to assist you with that. Before we begin, what State are you calling from?”

[Service Rep: If the caller is from an area other than the area for which NEFRLS was activated do not register the caller]

Inform the caller “NEFRLS has not been activated for your state” and refer them to their local authorities and/or the ARC safe and well site.

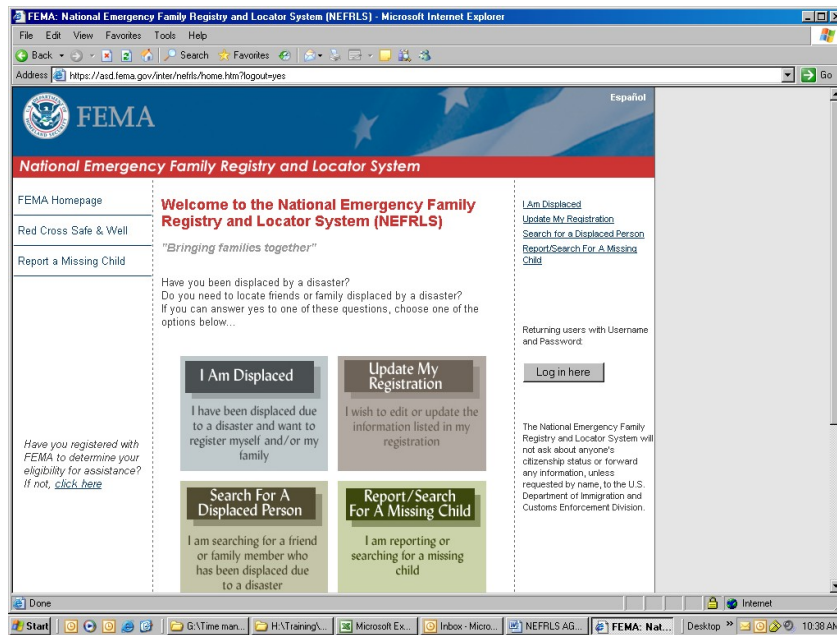
If caller needs to search for missing child or a person under the age of 21,

Refer **callers from the state for which NEFRLS was activated** to the National Emergency Child Locator Center (NECLC), (866) 908-9570 or www.NECLC.org;

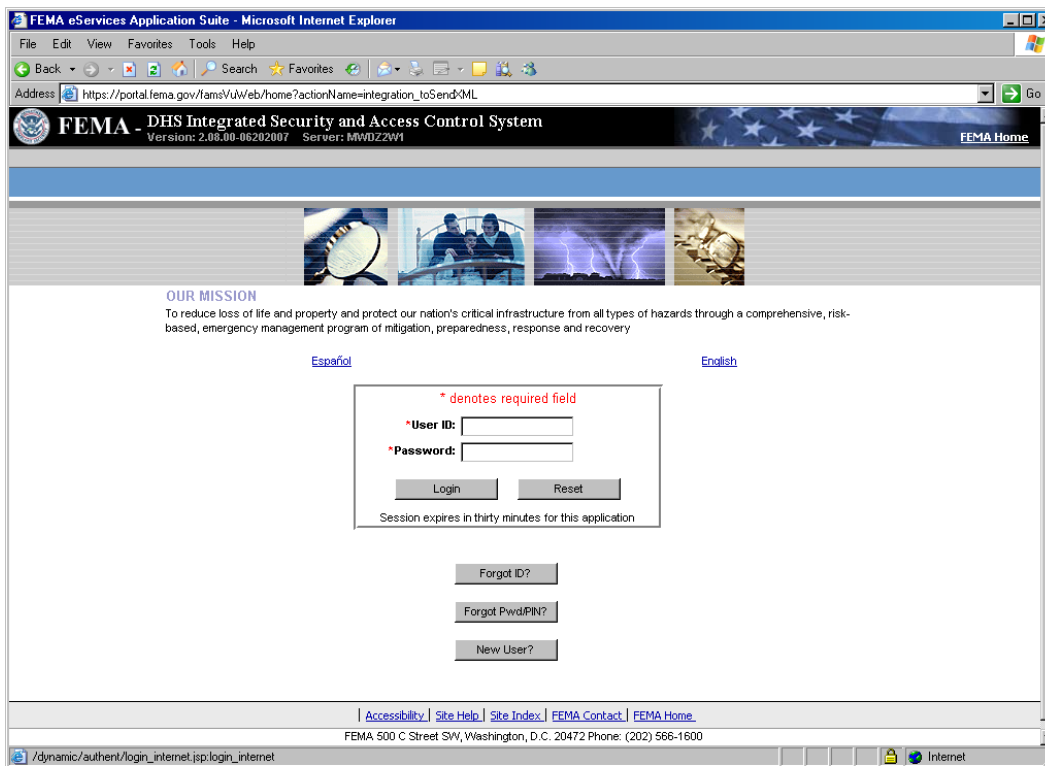
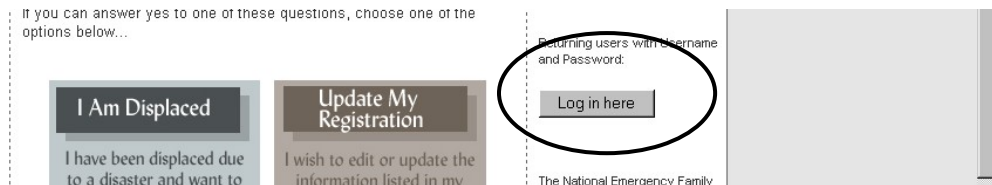
Callers from other areas should be referred to the National Missing and Exploited Children’s Hotline or 1-800-THE LOST (1-800-843-5678)

To register callers from a State for which NEFRLS is Activated

⇒[**Access the NEFRLS Home Page:**
<https://asd.fema.net/inter/nefrls/home.htm>]

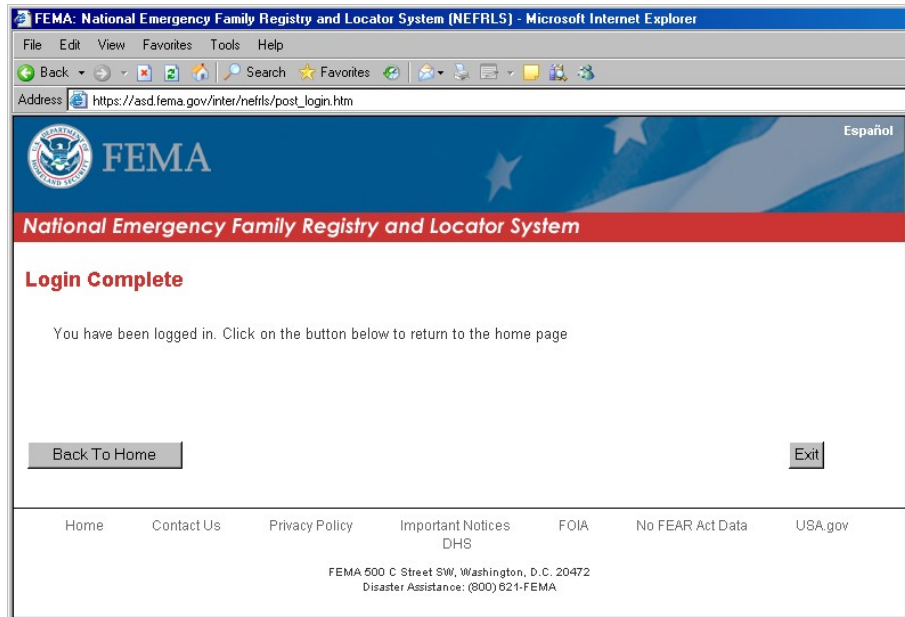


⇒ [Log into the database as an agent by clicking the log-in button on the right side of the screen.]

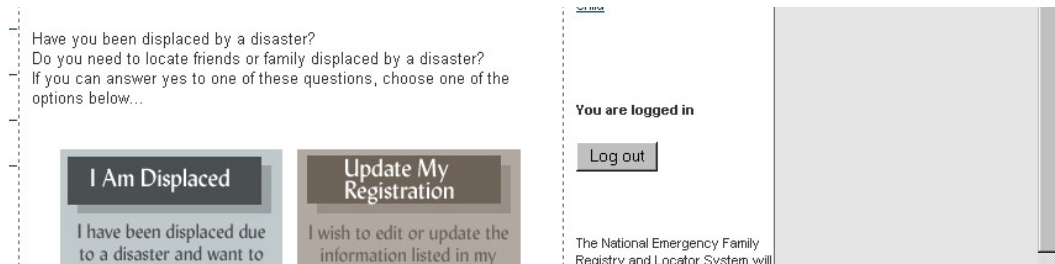


⇒ [Complete log-in page with userid and password created during access/approval set-up. Then click “Login” button.]

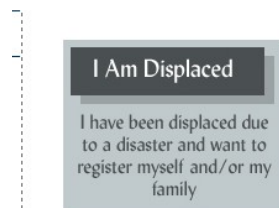
⇒ [Click the “Back to Home” button.]



⇒ [The home page should now show a “Log Out” button. If so, continue the call. If not, try to log in again.]



⇒ [Click icon **I AM DISPLACED**]



The following page will display. Click the “Next Button at the bottom of the page to retrieve the Privacy Act.

[Adult Caller] I would like to register

“ I am required by law to read the Privacy Act.”

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "FEMA: National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System (NEFRS) - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows "https://asd.fema.gov/inter/nefrs/disclaimer.htm". The page features the FEMA logo and the text "Español" in the top right corner. Below the header, there is a navigation menu with links for "FEMA Homepage", "Red Cross Safe & Well", and "Report a Missing Child". The main content area is titled "Overview" and contains the following text: "The National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System helps reunite families separated by a disaster or emergency by:" followed by a bulleted list: "• Allowing people to register by entering their names and location into the system.", "• Allowing people who have registered to give permission to up to seven (7) people to see the information they have entered, including their current contact information and/or a personally created message.", "• Letting people search for messages left by displaced family or friends.", "• You will be directly linked to the National Emergency Child Locator Center, which will help you locate or report a missing child." Below the list is a link: "Click here to Search For / Report a Missing Child." At the bottom of the main content area are three buttons: "Print", "Home", and "Next". The footer contains links for "Home", "Contact Us", "Privacy Policy", "Important Notices", "FOIA", "No FEAR Act Data", and "USA.gov", along with the address "FEMA 500 C Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20472" and the phone number "Disaster Assistance: (800) 621-FEMA".

[Service Rep: Proceed with reading Privacy Act to caller --

- DO NOT log in as the caller (you cannot ask for or use their password if they already registered)
- DO NOT create a password for the caller

Privacy Act Page:

Address <https://asd.fema.gov/inter/nefrls/privacy.htm?>

National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System

FEMA Homepage	NEFRLS Privacy Act Statement: Privacy Act Statement Authority Post Katrina Reform Act H.R. 5441 Sec. 689c. The primary use of this information is to facilitate reuniting displaced individuals, including medical patients, with their families following a major disaster or emergency declared by the President under the Stafford Act. Disclosures of this information may be made: Upon written request, to federal and state agencies providing disaster assistance, as well as to local governments, voluntary agencies, law enforcement agencies or professional organizations and to individuals identified by the person registering in this system, for the purpose of reuniting families; or to a Congressional office in response to an inquiry made at the request of the individual; and to the National Archives and Records Administration in records management inspections conducted under the authority of 44 U.S.C. §§ 2904 and 2906. Personal information will be requested from or about the displaced individual registering in this system, household members traveling with the person registering and from the individual searching the system for a displaced individual, for the purpose of identity verification and for the security of the individual registering. Registration of your personal information is voluntary, but failure to provide certain information or failure to pass the security process will prevent you from registering in this system and/or prevent you from receiving information on a registered individual. Information on this system will only be available for up to 30 days after registration at which time a new registration would be required. * <input type="checkbox"/> I have read and accept the terms of the Privacy Act, above. * <input type="checkbox"/> I am voluntarily entering information into the NEFRLS system and I agree to waive any and all liability of the U.S. Government and hold the U.S. Government harmless for the improper or proper use of the information in the NEFRLS system.
Red Cross Safe & Well	
Report a Missing Child	

Have you registered with FEMA to determine your eligibility for assistance? If not, [click here](#)

⇒ **[Check both boxes at the bottom of the privacy act and select the “Save and Continue” button.]**

“To safeguard your privacy, you will be asked a series of questions to verify your identity. Let’s begin with the registration process.”

⇒ **[Click “Next” at the bottom of the page Registration, Step 1 of 9 page that appears. This will allow you to proceed to the Personal Information Contact information.]**

“Would you like to register yourself and/or your family?”

[Caller] “I’d like to register myself.”

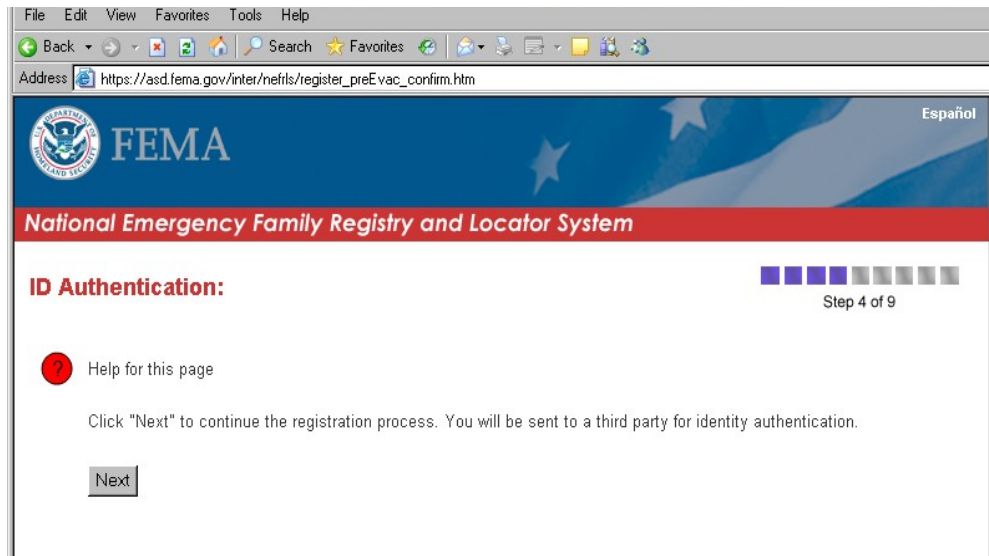
[Service Rep: Proceed with completing required fields for Personal Information and Pre-Evacuation Contact Information.]

- **The registrant’s “Primary Pre-Evacuation Phone” number must be valid to pass IDV. Ask for a land line to their primary residence/pre-evacuation residence. If they do not have one, then list their cell phone.**

“I need to confirm the information just entered.”

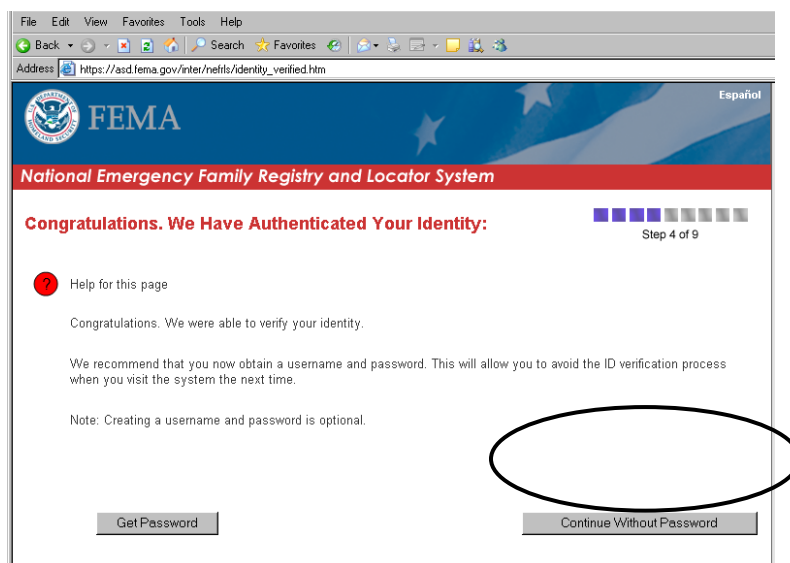
[Service Rep: Read and spell back all lines containing information. If information contains errors, click **EDIT**. If there are no errors, click **CONFIRM]**

“The information you provided is being routed for identity match.”



[Service Rep: If information does not match, advise caller, “We are not able to verify your information.” Refer the caller to their local authorities and/or the ARC Safe and Well site.]

If the information does match, the following screen will display allowing the registration process to continue. Click “Continue Without Password”



“Would include you current contact information?”

you like to

[Caller] “Yes.”

[Service Rep: Proceed with completing optional fields for Current Contact Information]

“Would you like to list members of your household that are traveling with you?”

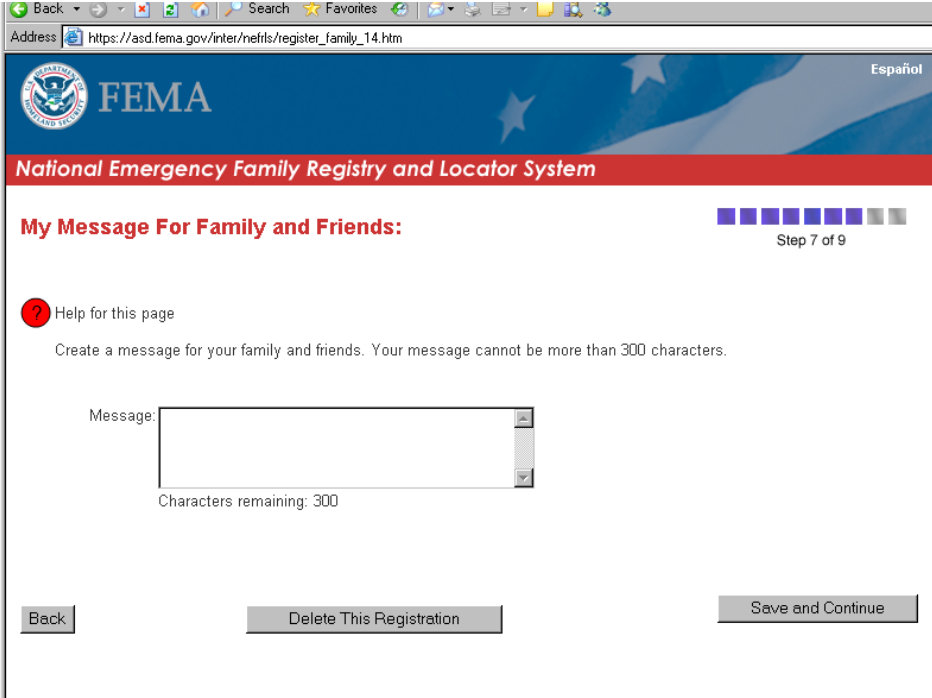
[Caller] “Yes.”

[Service Rep: Proceed with completing optional fields for My Family/Household Members That Are Traveling With Me. You may enter up to four members by clicking **ENTER MORE FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD MEMBER**. If caller wishes not to enter this information or is traveling alone, click **I HAVE COMPLETED MY FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD MEMBER LIST**]

[Service Rep: On the “Message for Family and Friends” ask the applicant if they would like to leave a message for friends & family. Message should contain helpful information such as a contact person, location, or if they are okay, etc. After writing the note, click “Save and Continue”]

“Would you like to have me leave a short note for family and friends who may wish to locate you?”

[Caller] “Yes.”



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address https://asd.fema.gov/inter/nelfts/register_family_14.htm. The page features the FEMA logo and the title "National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System". A progress indicator shows "Step 7 of 9". The main heading is "My Message For Family and Friends:". Below this, there is a help icon and the text "Help for this page". A note states: "Create a message for your family and friends. Your message cannot be more than 300 characters." A text input field labeled "Message:" is present, with a character count below it: "Characters remaining: 300". At the bottom of the page, there are three buttons: "Back", "Delete This Registration", and "Save and Continue".

[Service Rep: On the “Who Do You Want to View Your Information?” screen, the registrant can give 7 people access to some of their information. Ask the applicant how much information they want each person to have and select the appropriate radio button. After completing this page, click “I have completed my list of authorized individuals” or “Authorize More Individuals” to display additional spaces.]

“Is there anyone that you would like to have access to your information such as a parent, friend, or other relative?”

[Caller] “Yes.”

Address https://asd.fema.gov/inter/nefls/register_authorize1.htm

FEMA Español

National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System

Who Do You Want To View Your Information? Step 8 of 9

Help for this page

Enter the first name and first letter of the last name for up to seven (7) people you want to see the information you just provided.

For your protection, individuals searching for you must complete the identity verification process before they are allowed to view your information.

Individual 1

* First Name:

* First Letter of Last Name:

You must select Yes to at least one of the buttons below:

Allowed to view contact information: Yes No

Allowed to view message: Yes No

Allowed to view household members traveling with me: Yes No

Individual 2

⇒ **[A page will appear displaying information on authorized individuals as entered. Verify that the information is correct. Then click “Save and Continue”]**

[Service Rep: The Registration Complete page will appear.]

“You have completed your registration process. The information you have entered will be available for **60 days** from today or until the system has been de-activated.”

[Service Rep: Thank the caller for registering]

“Thank you for calling the Disaster Family Locator service. My PIN # is _____. Do you have any further questions for me at this time?”

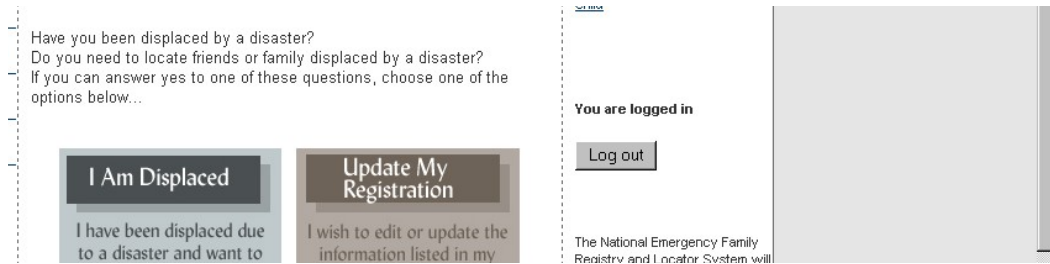
[Caller] “No, not at this time.”

[Service Rep: If no further questions/concerns]

“Okay. Thank you and I hope everything works out for you.

⇒ **[Click the “Home” button at the bottom of the page]**

⇒ **[Click the “Log Out” button on the right side of the page.**



⇒ **[Close the Netscape browser (This is a very important step. If not done, the NEFRLS program will not operate correctly.)]**

⇒ **[Reopen the browser and proceed to the NEFRLS Home Page: <https://asd.fema.net/inter/nefrls/home.htm> to take the next registration. Follow the same steps outlined in this document.**