

Service Dog Checklist

This Service Dog Emergency Kit Checklist outlines the basic items every person with a service dog should have prepared in advance to keep their service animal comfortable during the stress of an emergency situation. It is advisable to keep all items in a transportable bag that is easy to access should evacuating the home become necessary. Also, remember to check the kit twice a year to ensure freshness of food, water and medication and to restock any supplies you may have borrowed from the kit. Note: an easy way to remember is to do it when you change the clocks or when you check your smoke alarms bi-annually.

- ❑ minimum 3 day supply of bottled water and pet food
- ❑ paper towels and can opener
- ❑ medications with a list identifying reasons (e.g. , medical condition), dosage, frequency and contact information of prescribing veterinarian
- ❑ medical records including vaccinations
- ❑ leash/harness
- ❑ muzzle (if required)
- ❑ blanket and favourite toy
- ❑ plastic bags
- ❑ up-to-date ID tag with your phone number and name/ phone number of your veterinarian (microchipping is also recommended)
- ❑ current photo of your service dog in case it gets lost or separated from you
- ❑ copy of licence (if required)

Pet owners

While service dogs are accepted at shelters in an emergency, family pets are not, therefore it is advisable for pet owners to prepare a similar emergency kit for each family pet. In the case of cats, include a cat carrier litter pan, litter, scooper and plastic bags. It is also recommended for pet owners to make arrangements with family and friends to care for their pets should it become necessary to evacuate the home.



TIP: expand your network by getting to know your neighbours.

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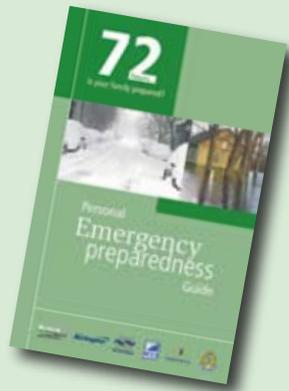


Emergencies can occur at any time and your best defence is to be prepared. Halton Region's pamphlet series on emergency preparedness for people with disabilities/special needs includes:

- Hearing
- Highrise Safety
- Mobility
- Non-Visible Disabilities*
- Seniors With Special Needs
- Travel Considerations
- Vision

* Can include communication, cognitive, sensory, mental health, learning or intellectual disabilities.

These pamphlets supplement the information found in Halton Region's Personal Emergency Preparedness Guide, available at www.halton.ca. Use the contact information provided to order your copy.



Vision loss can include a broad range of conditions from complete blindness to partial or low vision that cannot be corrected with lenses or surgery. A person's ability to read signs or move through unfamiliar environments during an emergency may be challenged, creating a feeling of being lost and/or dependency on others for guidance.

Your Emergency Plan

- have a long cane available to readily maneuver around debris on the floor or furniture that may have shifted after an emergency
- mark all emergency supplies in advance with fluorescent tape, large print or Braille
- mark gas, water and electric shutoff valves in your home, in advance with fluorescent tape, large print or Braille
- familiarize yourself in advance, with all escape routes and locations of emergency doors/exits on each floor of any building where you work, live and/or visit

Dos and Don'ts - Assisting People with Disabilities

- ✓ always ask first, if you can be of assistance to them
- ✓ for people who are deaf-blind, use your finger to draw an "x" on their back to let them know you are there to help during an emergency
- ✓ to communicate with a deaf-blind person, try tracing letters with your finger on the palm of their hand
- ✓ to guide the person, offer them your arm instead of taking theirs and walk at their pace; keep half a step ahead of them
- ✓ if the person has a service dog, ask them where you should walk to avoid distracting the animal
- ✓ provide advance warning of stairs, curbs, obstacles or changes in direction
- ✓ watch for overhangs or protrusions the person could walk into



- ✗ do not assume the person cannot see you, or that they need your help
- ✗ never grab or touch a person with vision loss
- ✗ do not touch, make eye contact or distract the person's service dog as this can seriously endanger the owner
- ✗ do not shout at a person with vision loss; speak clearly and provide specific and precise directions such as 'to your right' or by relaying clock face positions

Remember: individuals are best at knowing their own needs and these should be respected.

Additional Items for Your Emergency Survival Kit

- extra white cane, preferably a cane that is longer in length
- talking or Braille clock
- large-print timepiece with extra batteries
- extra vision aids such as an electronic travel aid, monocular, binocular or magnifier
- extra pair of prescription glasses – if you wear them
- any reading devices/assistive technology to access information/portable CCTV devices
- any other contingency supplies unique to your special needs