

## 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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## Emergency preparedness

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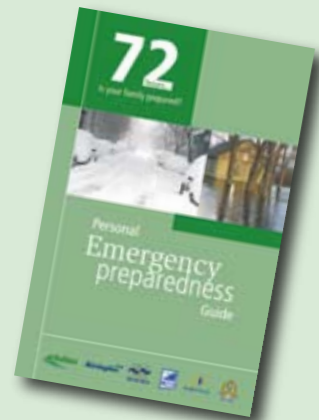


Emergencies can occur at any time and your best defence is to be prepared. Halton Region's pamphlet series on emergency preparedness for people with disabilities/special needs includes:

- 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](http://www.halton.ca). Use the contact information provided to order your copy.



Mobility limitations may make it difficult for a person to use stairs or to move quickly over long distances. These can include reliance on mobility devices such as a wheelchair, scooter, walker, crutches or a walking cane. In addition, people with a heart condition or various respiratory difficulties can experience certain levels of mobility limitations.

## Your Emergency Plan

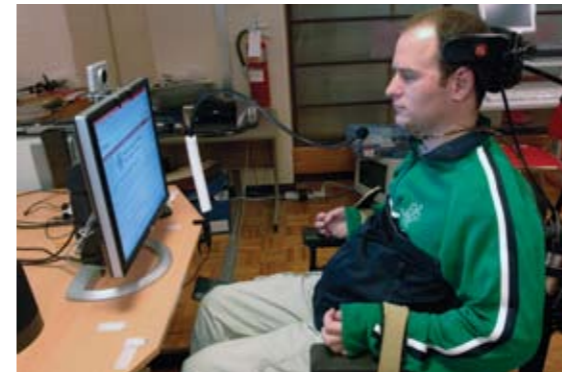
- ask your network\* to practice moving your special needs equipment
- if you use a wheelchair or scooter, request that an emergency evacuation chair be stored near a stairwell on the same floor on which you work or live so that your network can readily use it to help you safely evacuate the building
- in your instruction list for your network, identify areas of your body that have reduced sensation so these areas can be checked for injuries after an emergency, if you cannot check them yourself
- check with your local municipal office to find out if emergency evacuation shelters are wheelchair accessible

\* Your 'network' is a list of the people that can be called upon to provide assistance.

## Dos and Don'ts - Assisting People with Disabilities

- ✓ use latex-free gloves whenever possible when providing personal care; people with spinal cord injuries have a greater risk of infectious disease and gloves help control secondary medical conditions that can easily arise if personal care is disrupted during an emergency
- ✓ ensure that the person's wheelchair goes with the person
- ✗ do not push or pull a person's wheelchair without their permission

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



## Additional Items for Your Emergency Survival Kit

- tire patch kit
- can of seal-in-air product to repair flat tires on your wheelchair or scooter
- supply of inner tubes
- pair of heavy gloves to protect your hands while wheeling or making way over glass or other sharp debris
- latex-free gloves for those providing personal care to you
- spare deep-cycle battery for motorized wheelchair if feasible
- spare catheters if applicable
- a lightweight manual wheelchair for backup to a motorized one, if feasible.