

## Your Emergency Plan

- ⇒ Created an emergency contact list with names and telephone numbers of your family members, physicians, case worker, contact for your seniors group, neighbours, building superintendent, etc. and keep a copy in your survival kit and on your person
- ⇒ Write down the names and phone numbers of on-site doctors, nurses, social workers, etc. at your place of residence (if applicable) including the hours they keep
- ⇒ Familiarize yourself with all escape routes and location of emergency doors/exits in your home or facility that you are in
- ⇒ Know the location of emergency buttons (many seniors' buildings have emergency buttons located in bedrooms and washrooms with a direct link to 9-1-1 or the building's superintendent)
- ⇒ If asked to evacuate, bring any equipment or assistive devices you may need immediately
- ⇒ Current photo of your service dog in case it gets lost or separated from you

Be Prepared, Not Scared



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## Service Animals & Support Persons



and



## Service Animal:

Any animal used by a person with a disability for reasons relating to the disability where it is readily apparent that the animal is used by the person for reasons relating to his or her disability; or where the person provides a letter from a physician or nurse confirming that he or she requires the animal for reasons relating to his or her disability; or a valid identification card signed by the Attorney General of Canada or a certificate of training from a recognized guide dog or service animal training school.

Persons with a disability may enter premises owned and operated; or operated, by the Township accompanied by a service animal and keep the animal with them if the public has access to such premises and the animal is not otherwise excluded by law. If a service animal is excluded by law, (i.e. kitchen with food preparation) the Township will ensure that alternate means are available to enable the person with a disability to obtain, use or benefit from the Township's goods and services within reason.

## Support Persons:

A person who accompanies a person with a disability in order to assist him or her with communication, mobility, personal care, or medical needs or with access to goods or services.

A person with a disability may enter premises owned and operated, or operated by the Township with a support person and have access to the support person while on the premises.

## Service Dog Checklist

The 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 – do it when you change the clocks or check 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
- ⇒ Copy of licence (if required)
- ⇒ Up-to-date ID tag with your phone number and name/phone number of your veterinarian (micro chipping is also recommended) current photo of your service dog in case it gets lost or separated from you

## 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.



**Emergencies** can occur at any time and your best defense is to be prepared. The Township of Huron-Kinloss' pamphlet series on emergency preparedness for people with disabilities/special needs includes:

- ⇒ Service Animals & Support Persons
- ⇒ Seniors with Special Needs
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- ⇒ Non-Visible Disabilities
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