



Emergency preparedness for people with disabilities

Our April newsletter is coming out early to share some excellent resources on emergency preparedness for people with disabilities. Our colleagues at the MacEachen Institute for Public Policy & Governance at Dalhousie University have recently conducted research indicating that the key issues for people with disabilities in times of emergency are:

- access to assistive devices, medications, health services & facilities, communications & information;
- disruptions to personal care services and support networks, including service animals;
- Increased stigma and marginalization.

Both the Ontario and federal governments have produced excellent guidelines aimed at:

1. Knowing the risks;
2. Making a plan; and,
3. Assembling emergency supplies.

[Click here](#) for links to both of these reports and guidelines.

A vision of Canada where people with disabilities enjoy full participation and citizenship, supported by a coherent framework of legislation, regulation and programs.

