

Are You Ready? Emergency Planning For People With Diversabilities Round Table

Hosted by Sheenagh Morrison, in collaboration with Self Advocates for a Brighter Future, and the South Island Community Council, on December 3rd, International Day of Persons with Diversabilities. The United Nations observes this day in order to promote a global understanding of issues that affect persons with diversabilities, and to mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with diversabilities.



Where will I go during an evacuation?

What will happen to my electric wheelchair when the power is out?

What will happen to my pet?

What kind of technology will help during an emergency?

Emergencies and disasters cause fear in most people and often times people don't know where to turn for help. The goal of this emergency planning round table is to bring awareness to those with diversabilities, what YOU can do to be prepared for disaster, before, during, and after an emergency. It is also to help emergency planners better understand the unique needs of people with diversabilities.

Did you know? Statistics show that the mortality rate of persons with diversabilities in populations going through disaster situations is as high as 2 to 4 times that of people without diversabilities. The discussion will be used to highlight available resources to support inclusive disaster risk reduction and emergency planning.

December 3rd
3:00—4:30pm

**Gordon Head Rec
Centre,
Multi Purpose Room**

**Space is limited,
please RSVP to
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250-727-3891**

**Coffee and light
refreshments will be
served**

Panel Guests:

Constable Kim Basi, Saanich Police

Inspector Brett Fryer, Community Engagement Division, Saanich Police Department

Ian Gibbs, Coordinator of Block Watch

Sheenagh Morrison, Self Advocate Lead

Maegan Thompson, Emergency Program Specialist, District of Saanich