

EVACUATING DISABLED STUDENTS AND PERSONS

Visually Impaired:

1. Tell the person the nature of the emergency and offer guidance
2. Offer your arm for guidance
3. Do not grasp a visually impaired person's arm unless they are in severe danger
4. As you walk, tell the person where you are and advise them of obstacles
5. Once you reach safety, ask if further help is needed

Hearing Impaired:

Persons with hearing impairments may not hear emergency alarms. Communicate that there is an emergency by:

1. Turning lights on and off to gain the person's attention, or...
2. Indicating directions with gestures, or...
3. Writing a note with evacuation directions, and...
4. Assisting the person(s) to safety as needed

People using crutches, canes or walkers:

1. Evacuate these individuals as injured persons
2. Assist and accompany to the evacuation site if possible, or...
3. Use a sturdy chair (or one with wheels) to move the person, or...
4. Help carry the individual to safety

Wheelchair Users:

1. Check with the individual on their preference
2. Determine if a chair is available
3. Remove any immediate dangers

Immediately advise arriving first responders of special evacuation cases