

HOW TO ASSIST PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES DURING AN EVACUATION:

TO ALERT VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS

- **Announce the type of emergency**
- **Offer your arm for guidance**
- **Tell person where you are going, obstacles you encounter**
- **When you reach safety, ask if further help is needed**

TO ALERT PEOPLE WITH HEARING LIMITATIONS

- **Turn lights on/off to gain person's attention, or**
- **Indicate directions with gestures, or**
- **Write a note with evacuation directions**

TO EVACUATE PEOPLE USING CRUTCHES, CANES OR WALKERS

- **Evacuate these individuals as injured persons**
- **Assist and accompany to evacuation site if possible, or**
- **Use a sturdy chair (or one with wheels) to move person, or**
- **Help carry individual to safety**

TO EVACUATE WHEELCHAIR USERS

- **Non-ambulatory persons' needs and preferences vary**
 - **Individuals at ground floor locations may exit without help**
 - **Others have minimal ability to move-lifting may be dangerous**
 - **Some non-ambulatory persons have respiratory complications**
 - **Remove them from smoke and vapors immediately**
- **Wheelchair users with electrical respirators get priority assistance**
 - **Most wheelchairs are too heavy to take down stairs**
 - **Consult with person to determine best carry options**
 - **Reunite person with the chair as soon as it is safe to do so**