

# Evacuation of persons with impairments:

In an emergency, people in wheelchairs and other impaired persons should observe the following evacuation procedures:

1. Move yourself, or ask someone to assist you, toward the nearest exit. In emergencies other than fire/earthquake, use the nearest elevator. Persons with mobility, visual or sight impairment should be treated as if they were injured persons for evacuation purposes.
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3. If you are mobility impaired and you reach an obstruction, such as a staircase, request assistance from others. CCC has installed "Evacu-Trac" chair track devices that are manually operated for descent to main floor exits.
4. Stay in the exit corridor on the stairway or landing, calling for help until assistance arrives. Rescue personnel, fire, police and Campus Safety officers will check all exit corridors and exit stairwells first for trapped persons.

## **Evacuation of persons with visual impairments:**

In an emergency, explain to the visually impaired person the nature of the emergency and offer to guide the person to the nearest exit. Have the person take your elbow. As you walk, describe where you are and advise them of any obstacles. When you have reached safety, reorient the person and ask if they need further assistance.

## **Evacuation of persons with hearing impairments:**

Get the person's attention by physical contact or by turning the lights on and off, if they are operational. Then use a simple warning method such as writing a note explaining the emergency and the nearest evacuation route ("Fire. Come with me."), or indicating through gestures what is happening and what to do.

*This information is also located Emergency Safety Guide under Evacuation of persons with mobility impairments.*