

Support Groups & Related Organizations

Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) 250-595-1100

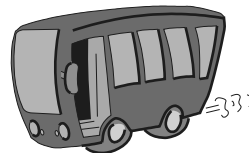
2340 Richmond Avenue

Victoria, BC V8R 4R9

Services free-of-charge to all Canadians with vision loss; vision rehabilitation and low vision services, adaptive technology resources and training, digital library services, daily living skills, safe travel skills, adjustment to vision loss courses, and volunteer services. Provides Bus Identification Cards for legally blind people.

www.cnib.ca

Transportation



*Transportation options
and related services.*

BC Transit Information

BC Transit 250-382-6161

BC Transit offers discount fares for passengers 65 years of age or older. The passes are available for \$45 from bus pass vendors located throughout Victoria.

www.bctransit.com

BC Transit Community Travel Training Victoria 250-384-7723

This free program is an individual teaching session to assist seniors, mobility aid users, and anyone with a disability or special need to use the bus in Victoria. HandyDART clients are welcome. Group information workshops are available to organizations serving seniors.

Greater Victoria & Area BC Bus Pass Program 1-866-866-0800

Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance

PO Box 9985 STN Prov Govt

Victoria, BC V8W 9R6

The Bus Pass Program enables all qualified low income senior citizens and persons who are disabled to buy a yearly bus pass at an affordable price. These passes may be used on all conventional transit services but are not valid on handyDART.

www.buspass.gov.bc.ca

handyDART Registration, Information and Booking Line 250-727-7811

The handyDART is a BC Transit service for people with permanent or temporary disabilities that prevent them from using fixed-route transit without assistance from another person. This custom transit service uses specially equipped vehicles and provides door-to-door service.

www.bctransit.com

Taxi Saver Program 250-995-5618

Program allows handyDART passengers to use subsidized vouchers for taxi travel when handyDART service is not available. Passenger can book directly with a participating taxi company. Taxi Saver coupons are sold by BC Transit. To be eligible a person must be permanently registered with handyDART.

www.bctransit.com

Driver Safety

Driver Medical Fitness 250-387-7747 or 1-855-387-7747

At age 80 and every two years thereafter, all B.C. drivers must have their physician complete a Driver's Medical Examination Report (DMER), which is then submitted to RoadSafetyBC. RoadSafetyBC will mail you information about this process prior to your 80th birthday, along with the DMER to take to your physician. Drivers are responsible for the cost of having the age related DMER completed, and the fees vary by doctor. Depending on the medical information provided on the DMER, you may be required to submit additional medical information or you may be referred to complete a driving assessment such as an ICBC road test re-examination or a cognitive assessment. Initial referrals to driving assessments requested by RoadSafetyBC are paid for by RoadSafetyBC.

www.gov.bc.ca/roadsafetybc

Driving Services

Driving Miss Daisy

Victoria 250-588-4638

Westshore..... 250-813-0440

Fee-based assistance and accompaniment services to seniors and those with disabilities.

www.drivingmissdaisy.ca

Ferry Travel

BC Ferry Corporation 1-888-223-3779

BC Seniors travel at 50% off regular adult fare Monday through Thursday except holidays noted below on presentation of a BC Services Card, a BC Gold Care Card (age 65 or greater), a BC Driver's License, a BC Identification Card, or a Birth Certificate. If you are presenting a Birth Certificate, proof of residency in BC is required. The BC Seniors discount applies only to the passenger fare.

www.bcferries.com

TIP!

If you want help planning your bus route phone the busline at **250-382-6161** and a BC Transit agent will assist you.

Go to www.accessvictoria.ca for information on accessible transit.

Medical Transfers

Coastal Companion Services

250-883-0406

Provides customized transportation for non-emergency, medically stable individuals requiring wheelchair services or simply more assistance. Operates locally and licensed to provide transportation for medical appointments, hospital transfers, social outings and group excursions.

www.coastalmedic.com

Medi-Van Canada Inc. **250-389-0948**

Non-emergency stretcher and wheelchair service. Operates locally and provides services anywhere in North America.

www.medivancanada.com

MEDIX **250-893-3418**

Providing Vancouver Island with non-emergency stretcher and wheelchair transfer services and residential fall recoveries.

www.medixbc.ca

Parking Permits

Beacon Community Services

Volunteer Services 250-656-5537

SHOAL Centre

10030 Resthaven Drive

Sidney, BC V8L-3G4

Satellite office for Victoria Disability Resource Centre. Permanent, temporary, organizational and visitor handicapped parking permits available. Physicians signed order required. Payment by cash, debit, cheque or credit card.

www.beaconcs.ca

Victoria Disability Resource Centre

250-595-0044

817A Fort Street

Victoria, BC V8W 1H6

Permanent, temporary, organization, and visitor parking permits for persons who have disabilities that limit their mobility. Application form available at doctors' offices, in person at our office, on our website, or by fax or email. Must be filled out by physician (signed and stamped). Processing fee of \$25 in our office or \$27 through the mail.

www.drcvictoria.com

Wescom Medi-Lend Society at Priory Hospital

250-478-5373

567 Goldstream Avenue

Victoria, BC V9B 2W4

Satellite office for Disability Resource Centre. Parking permits for persons with disabilities.

Travel Subsidies

Health Insurance BC Travel Assistance Program (TAP) **250-952-2657**

Alleviates some of the transportation costs for eligible B.C. residents who must travel within the province for non-emergency medical specialist services not available in their own community. Coordinated by the Ministry of Health. Application forms can be obtained from your physician or specialty clinic.

www.hibc.gov.bc.ca

TIP!

Persons with special needs planning to travel on BC Ferries may contact Customer Service at **1-888-223-3779** to request assistance with boarding and disembarking and/or to learn which scheduled vessel would best accommodate their voyage.

Volunteer Drivers

The following agencies offer transportation by volunteer drivers for medical appointments and other activities as drivers are available.

Beacon Community Services (Sidney) 250-656-5537
www.beaconcs.ca

Cancer DriveLine Society 778-265-0906
For patients undergoing cancer treatment only.
www.cancerdriveline.ca

Capital City (Victoria) Volunteers 250-388-7844
www.capitalcityvolunteers.org

Esquimalt Volunteers..... 250-412-8556
www.esquimalt.ca

James Bay Community Project..... 250-388-7844
www.jbcp.bc.ca

Metchosin Seniors Information Resource Centre (SIRC)250-478-5150
Metchosin residents only.

Oak Bay Volunteer Services..... 250-595-1034
www.oakbayvolunteers.bc.ca

Pender Island Community Support 250-629-3346

Saanich Volunteer Services..... 250-595-8008
www.saanichvolunteers.org

Salt Spring Seniors' Services Society..... 250-537-4604
www.saltspringsseniorscentre.ca

Sooke Community Assistance Society 250-389-4661
Sooke residents only. Medical appointments only, by donation.



Veterans' Services

**Remembrance Day Committee
Victoria Poppy Fund** 250-386-2533

411 Gorge Road East
Victoria, BC V8T 2W1
Emergency assistance with shelter, food, fuel, clothing, prescriptions and transportation for ex-service members and dependents in need.

**Veterans' Affairs
Canada** 1-866-522-2122

For eligible clients provides funeral and burial grants, veterans independence program, health benefits, disability pensions, counselling services, war veterans allowance, widows, and widowers and orphans and civilian war allowance, long term care subsidy, and medical equipment such as walkers and bathing equipment.

www.veterans.gc.ca

Veterans Health Centre 250-658-3270
Veterans Memorial Lodge at Broadmead

4579 Chatterton Way
Victoria, BC V8X 4Y7
Provides health and leisure services for eligible veterans living at home. Services include geriatric assessments, activities, bathing, family caregivers group, health promotion programs, information on community resources, nutritious meals and snacks and an overnight respite program. Veterans Affairs Canada determines eligibility to attend the programs.

www.broadmeadcare.com

**War Amputations
of Canada** 1-800-465-2677

Offers a number of services for amputees.

www.waramps.ca