

Support Groups & Related Organizations

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

2340 Richmond Road
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

Pacific Training Centre for the Blind (PTCB) 250-580-4910

817A Fort Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1H6

A charitable society (located at the Victoria Disability Resource Centre) which offers blindness skills training in tactile skills: including Braille; orientation and travel training with the long white cane; daily living skills such as cooking; and technology such as computer and iPhone use without sight. Free of charge, to anyone experiencing vision loss. No medical referral is required. The instructors are blind, have a wealth of lived experience to share and promote a positive approach to blindness. Training is held in a class setting, enabling students to chat with their peers and discuss concerns with others who know what they are dealing with. Students are assessed and training is individualized according to each student's goals and abilities.

www.pacifictrainingcentre.ca

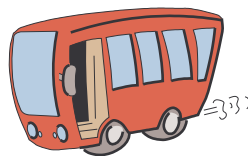
White Cane Club SHOAL Community Centre 250-656-5537

10030 Resthaven Drive
Sidney, BC V8L 3G4

For those with vision impairment, this support group meets the first Thursday of the month, September - June, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

www.beaconcs.ca

Transportation



*Transportation options
and related services.*

BC Transit Information

BC Transit 250-382-6161

BC Transit offers a discounted monthly pass for passengers 65 years of age or older. The passes are \$45 and are available from bus pass vendors located throughout Greater 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 Social Development
and Poverty Reduction

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. As your birthday approaches, you will then be mailed the DMER to take to your physician for completion. Drivers are responsible for the cost of having this 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 an Enhanced Road Assessment to help determine your ability to drive safely. Enhanced Road Assessments requested by RoadSafetyBC are paid for by RoadSafetyBC.

www.gov.bc.ca/roadsafetybc

Driving Services

Driving Miss Daisy

Victoria & Saanich..... 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 free 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. Persons with special needs may contact customer service to request assistance with boarding and disembarking.

www.bcferries.com

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

Parking Permits

Beacon Community Services

Volunteer Services 250-656-5537

SHOAL Community 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

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

James Bay

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

Metchosin Seniors Information

Resource Centre (SIRC) 250-478-5150
Metchosin residents only.
www.metchosinseniors.ca