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Office of Disaster Recovery and Emergency Preparedness

Persons Requiring Assistance

During an emergency event and where there is a requirement to evacuate a floor or building on campus, it is critical to identify “persons requiring assistance” (PRA). During an emergency, some people may become concerned about their ability to be safe, due to health conditions or physical limitations which may impede the evacuation process. It is important that these persons are identified and can rely on a point of contact to provide assurance and ensure that during an emergency event, that their safety needs will be met and until such a time that emergency personnel can assist in their safe evacuation, where required.

Some instances of Persons Requiring Assistance include:

- Individuals requiring the use of a wheelchair, walker, crutches, cane or other mobility assisting device.
- Individuals with temporary conditions and are under recovery, such as; post surgery, breaks and/or sprains.
- Persons with Vision and/or hearing impairment
- Those whom are pregnant
- Individuals with breathing related health concerns (asthma, I8Tc000300307c4110.52.25D-0001.0007c(c



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Protect In Place

For those individuals that require special assistance or whom are not readily able to evacuate the building or area, the University of Winnipeg has determined safe areas (refuge) in the designated work space or general area, which will serve as Protect in Place (PIP) locations.

- Relocate to an evacuation stairwell, marked by a red EXIT sign.
- In most cases, signage which specifically indicates that an area is PRA / PIP designated will be posted on each floor. This signage indicates that the area is designated as a safe area for individuals who are unable to evacuate.