## Disability assist dogs

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## **Omissions and alterations**

Some page layouts have been edited for clarity.

## Disability assist dogs

Disability Assist Dogs are your responsibility. You need to include them in your emergency planning and preparation.

If you have an assistance dog, such as a guide dog, certify it with an authorised organisation, such as Blind Low Vision NZ.

Get a Disability Assist Dog identification tag. This is a unique tag worn by a certified dog for easy identification of Disability Assist Dog status. Make sure your dog is wearing its identification tag at all times. The tag gives service dogs access to civil defence centres in an emergency. It also supports rapid reunification if you and your dog are separated.

Plan for your dog. Have a grab bag for your dog with food, medications, vaccination records, identification and harnesses.

Make sure your dog knows the people in your support network. This will make it easier for your dog to accept care from someone other than you.