

Chilliwack handyDART provides door-to-door service for persons with a physical or cognitive disability who cannot use regular public transportation without assistance. There are two types of service: regular subscription trips (once a week or more) and one-time trips, which require a reservation at least 24 hours in advance. Passengers must be registered with handyDART and will receive a handyPASS. Application forms are available on the website or can be picked up in person at the office.

Phone: 604-795-5121

Taxi-Saver Program is available through BC Transit for persons registered for handyDART. The program provides a 50% subsidy toward the cost of taxi rides. Passengers use coupons for taxi travel by booking with a participating taxi company. Taxi Saver coupons are sold at the local handyDART office to any permanent, registered handyDART user. Contact **handyDART** for more information.

The Bus Pass Program offers a universal bus pass for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities, providing unlimited access on any scheduled BC Transit bus. Cost is \$45 per year, expiring on December 31. To qualify for the program, an individual

must be receiving any of the following: Federal Old Age Security (OAS) and Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), Spouses Allowance to Old Age Security, or Income Assistance for those over 60 years of age.

Phone (toll-free): 1-866-866-0800

Emergency Transit Assistance Program (ETAP) is an initiative of the United Way, which allows individuals without the financial resources to access transit to attend medical appointments, job interviews and other programs that improve their lives. The **Chilliwack Resource Centre** manages the program in Chilliwack.

Phone: 604-702-9595

Did You Know....

Older adults generally live 7 to 10 years beyond their driving ability.

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Community Drivers, Chilliwack Community Services coordinates volunteer drivers who provide transportation seven days a week to hospital, medical, and other appointments from Hope to Vancouver. A per kilometer fee is charged.

Phone: 604-847-2244

Driving Miss Daisy is a private service that provides accompaniment and transportation for seniors needing assistance with: medical/dental appointments, grocery/personal shopping, Alzheimer's companionship and more.

Phone: 1-877-613-2479

Travel Assistance Program (TAP) is a provincial program offering travel discounts for individuals who must travel within the province for doctor-referred, non-emergency medical specialist services not available in their own community. A doctor's referral is required.

Phone (toll-free): 8-1-1

Deaf/hearing-impaired [TTY] (toll-free): 7-1-1

Elders Transportation Program provides partial funding towards travel costs for Aboriginal Elders to attend the Annual BC Elders Gathering. Applications are accepted each year between January and the second Friday in June. For more information contact the **BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres**.

Phone (toll-free): 1-800-990-2432

Seniors' Vehicle Insurance Discounts of 25% off the basic Autoplan insurance premium, may apply if a person is 65 or over, the principal operator of the vehicle is also 65 or over, and the vehicle is driven for pleasure only. Individuals who are 65 or over and have a disability, may be eligible for a further 25% disability discount off of the basic Autoplan insurance premium. For more information contact an Autoplan broker or **ICBC** at:

Phone (toll-free): 1-800-663-3051

Drivers' Licence Renewal Fees and fees for original B.C. Identification Cards are reduced for those 65 years of age or older. Seniors' driver examinations, including knowledge and road tests, are also free and seniors who give up driving and surrender their driver's licence are entitled to a free BC Identification Card. Contact **Service BC** for more information.

