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The Niagara County Office for the Aging has been in existence since 1973 to meet the needs of the 43,000 seniors of Niagara County. The Senior Medical Van was started in 2001 because the Office was aware of the need for transportation, especially for seniors to get to Medical appointments. The Van was purchased with a grant from the State Office for the Aging.



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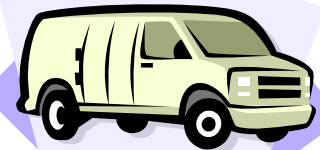


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The Senior Medical Van program provides transportation information and rides to Niagara County residents aged 60 and over who need a ride to medical appointments or to essential services that they have **no other way** to get to.

Rides

The Senior Medical Van program is here to provide rides to medical appointments and for other medically essential trips in Niagara, Erie and Orleans counties. Due to limited space, rides must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance, and riders may have to arrive earlier than their scheduled appointment or wait after their appointment to be picked up. We will do all that we can to work with you to get you to and from your appointments. Regular hours for rides are within the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

Information

The Senior Van coordinator can provide you with information on the various transportation options for seniors in the County. These include other senior van programs, buses, cabs, and the Paratransit program run by the NFTA.

Suggested Contributions

Our office provides the following suggested contribution guidelines for round trips (for one-way trips, the suggestion is half):

For shorter trips in/around the city: \$5.00

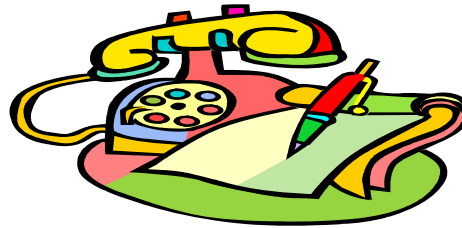
For longer trips but still in-county: \$7.00

For trips outside Niagara County: \$15.00

Contributions are voluntary and are used to maintain and expand the program. They are only suggested, not required, and we guarantee that no one will ever be denied a ride due to inability to contribute.

Trip Planning Assistance

Even when we cannot provide the specific transportation you require, we can help



with planning trips to places in Niagara and nearby counties. There are many options for traveling without a car. Call us and find out the best way to get where you need to go.

Alternatives to Driving

Many seniors are no longer able to drive. Our coordinator can talk to you about alternatives to driving. You may be referred to local programs that can assess your driving skills and help you find adaptive equipment for your car if you need it. If you are a concerned relative or friend, we can help you with suggestions on how to approach this delicate topic!



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