

Emergency Information Vial could prove a lifesaver

It's time to make room between the mustard and the mayonnaise in your fridge to place the 'Emergency Information Vial' which could save your life in a medical emergency.

Halton Regional Police, in cooperation with National Trust, are introducing the 'Emergency Information Vial' which is designed to provide ambulance crew, firefighters and police with medical information that could be crucial in providing aid to a victim in a medical emergency.

"We've had a number of incidents where seniors living alone have fallen and been knocked un-

conscious," said Halton Hills crime prevention officer, Sgt. Marty Power. "Sometimes it's hard to find out even what their names are. With the vial, emergency workers will be able to determine their medical problems as well as next of kin."

The program works like this. Police will be distributing vials to Halton's seniors. The pill vials have information sheets inside detailing name, address, phone number, hospital reference, whom to call in case of emergency and current medication.

The complete information form is placed in the vial which is then

placed inside the fridge door. A sticker is provided to stick on the outside fridge door to alert emergency personnel that a vial is in the fridge.

"Emergency personnel are instructed to look for the sticker and vial," said Sgt. Power. "They will ensure the vial accompanies the patient to the hospital."

There is only one vial per family and it's up to the family to keep the vial information up-to-date.

Presently, police are focussing the program on seniors but anyone can pick up a vial at the police station, local fire station or at senior groups and complex's.



Halton Hills Crime Prevention officer, Sgt. Marty Power, demonstrates how people should place the 'Emergency Information Vial' in their home fridge. The vial contains information firefighters, ambulance crews and police can use if you are injured and unable to provide the information. Rescue workers will know if the person has the vial by a bright orange sticker located on the exterior fridge door. Vials are now available for pick-up at the Halton Regional Police station in Georgetown. (Herald Photo)

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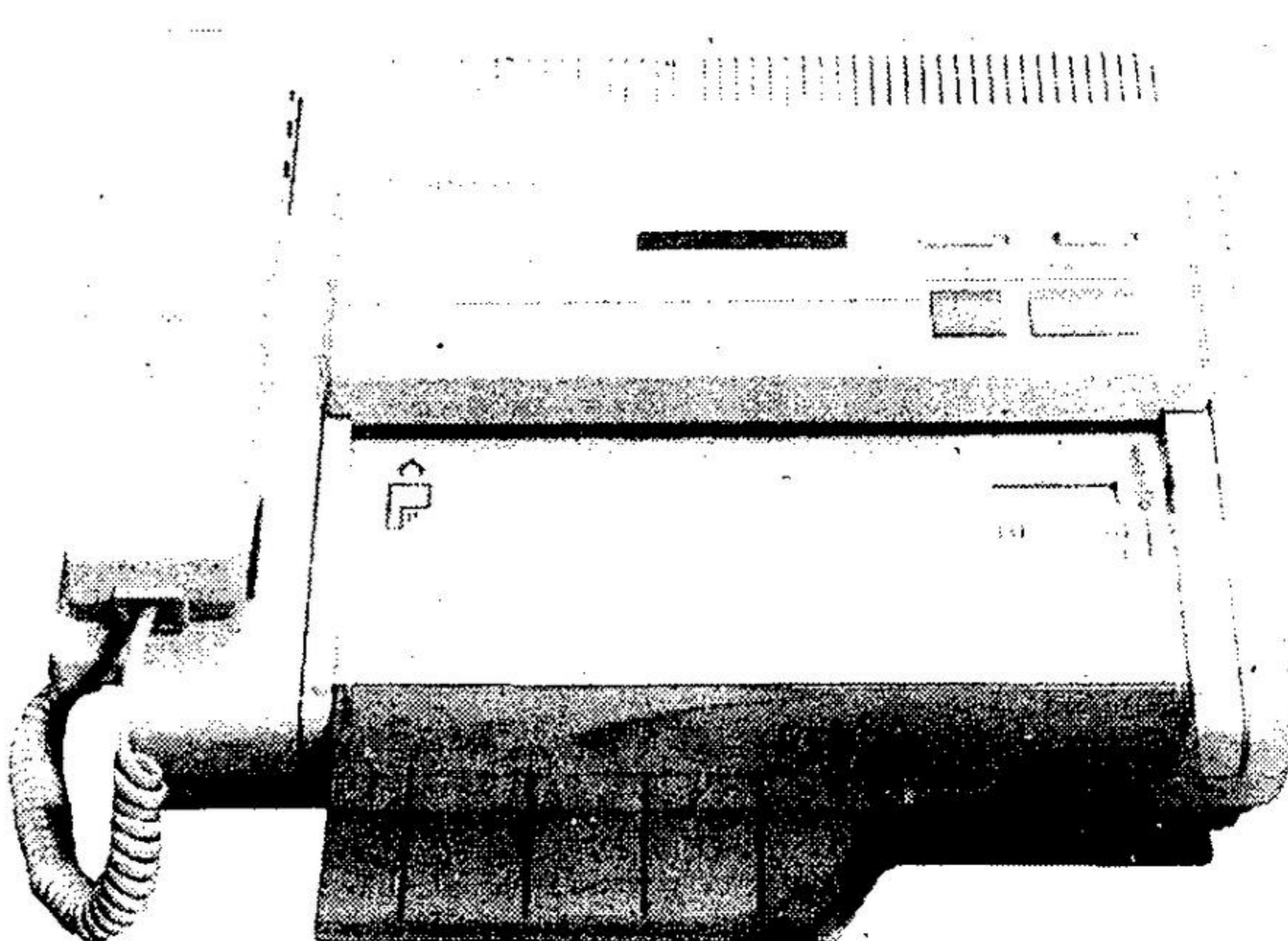
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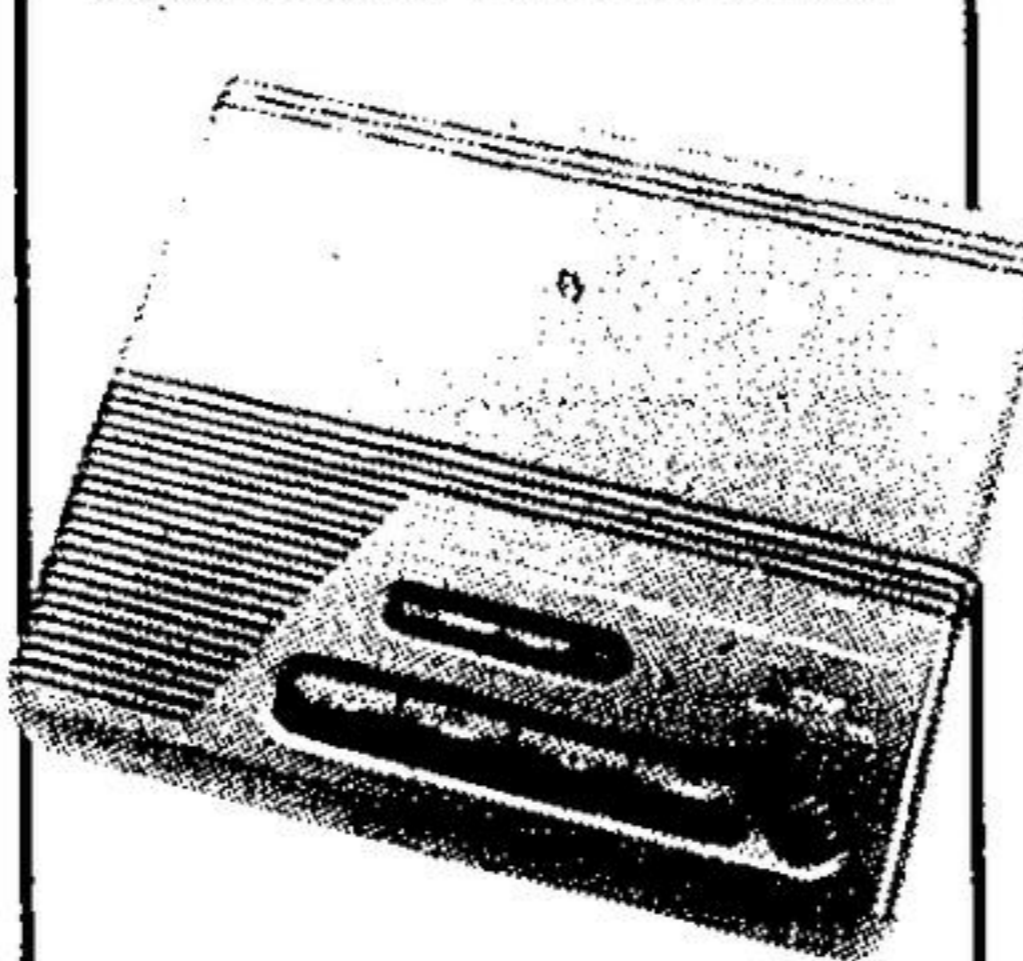
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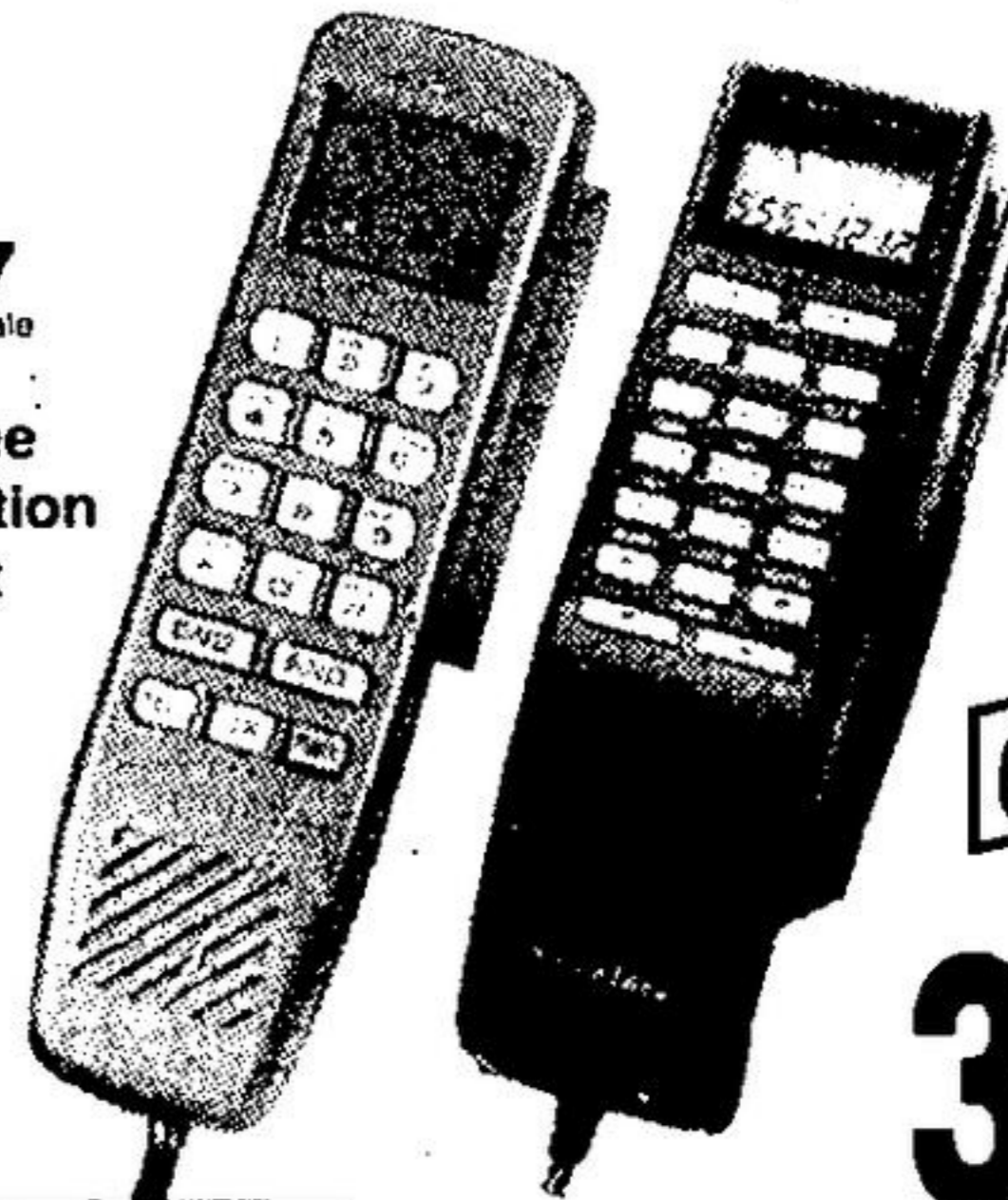
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