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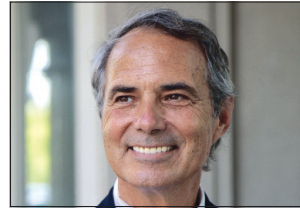
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one-Link provides coordinated access to a number of addictions and mental health services within Mississauga and Halton

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OPINION

BE PREPARED FOR WINTER EMERGENCIES



GARY CARR
Column

Emergencies can happen at any time, but being prepared for severe weather conditions can help protect you, your household and the community.

Stay prepared this winter by following these steps:

KNOW THE RISKS

Be aware of potential hazards and winter weather conditions that can cause an emergency in the community. Halton.ca has an Emergency Alerts and Public Information page to keep you informed of potential emergencies in Halton, and you can check for

winter road closures at Ontario's Travel Information page. Sign up for cold warnings from Halton Region to plan ahead.

MAKE A PLAN

Have a plan in place so you and your household know what to do if an emergency occurs. Your plan should include emergency exits, where you keep essential supplies and who to contact for help. Consider what to do if left without power or running water, and ensure you have food and water stored for 72 hours. Visit our Preparing for Emergencies Information page for more on the types of plans you can have in place, and considerations to be mindful of.

GET A KIT

An emergency kit contains everything you need to keep yourself, your household and your pets safe during an emergency

for at least 72 hours. Your kit should include food and water, medications, a first-aid kit, a flashlight, blankets and any other necessities. Prepare a separate kit for your car, containing items that can help you stay safe during emergencies on the road. Visit the Get a Kit section on halton.ca for more on what to include in your emergency kit.

This winter, I encourage you to check in on family, friends and neighbours who live alone or may require assistance during severe weather and other emergencies.

By planning ahead to protect ourselves and our community, we help keep Halton a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

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I am separated. I had a personal injury matter that settled. Is any of the settlement proceeds relevant to my family law matter?

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We have handled a number of these situations. The settlement is likely entirely relevant as you have to provide full and frank financial disclosure. However, some of the settlement may be exempt from being considered or divided in the family law process. For instance, "general damages", i.e. damages for pain and suffering, are considered exempt and not subject to division or sharing. Amounts paid as part of the settlement for past and/or future income loss may very well be relevant to issues of determining support obligations. It is usually necessary to get full details of the settlement breakdown, as well as past and future medical documentation if the injured party is taking the position he or she has been and continues to be unable to work. We do a lot of family/divorce law, with offices in Georgetown, Brampton and Caledon East. For now, we are continuing to do most everything virtually. So we are happy to have a Zoom meeting or a telephone call with you without charge to you to see if we can assist you. Be safe and healthy.

OFFICE LOCATIONS

GEORGETOWN

8 Guelph Street
905 452 7400

BRAMPTON OFFICE (Main)

350 Rutherford Road S., Suite 320
905 452 7400

CALEDON EAST

15955 Airport Road, Suite 201
905 584 4545

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CRIME

BACKHOE STOLEN FROM PROPERTY, POLICE SAY

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Halton police are investigating following the alleged theft of a backhoe from a property in Georgetown. At some point between Wednesday, Dec. 14 and Saturday, Dec. 17 someone attended a property in the area of No. 20 Sideroad and Barraclough Boulevard and cut a chain from a gate to gain access, police said.

The intruder then allegedly located a backhoe, among various other vehicles stored at the property, and stole it.

The construction vehi-



Pinterest photo

Halton police are investigating after a backhoe (similar in appearance to this one) was allegedly stolen from a property in Georgetown.

cle is valued at around \$45,000. No suspect description is available.

Anyone with information about this incident is

asked to contact Halton police at 905-825-4747 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or haltoncrimestoppers.ca.