

Emergency measures and persons with disabilities

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Me from 1990 to now



In the 90s

Paul Lupien between
2013 and 2017

Paul Lupien between
2017 and today

Bouchard-Taylor Commission [1 of 2]

The distinction between choice and constraint



“The rightfulness of an adjustment that allows, for example, a female or a male student to wear a headscarf or a kirpan, respectively, is not obvious to everyone. Similar exemptions may be granted for health reasons: a young girl must cover her head on her physician’s orders or a diabetic child must bring a syringe and a needle to school.”

Bouchard-Taylor Commission [2 of 2]

The distinction between choice and constraint



“No one would dream of objecting to such exemptions. We also know that accommodation aimed at ensuring the equality of pregnant women or the physically disabled is readily accepted.”

Grounds of discrimination in Quebec

Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse: 2018-2019 Activity and Management Report

Open cases by area and ground of discrimination

	Area					Total	
	Work	Housing	Legal act / goods and services	Access to public transportation and public places	Other	2018-2019	2018-2019 in %
Disability	128	6	53	34	3	224	36%

Ice storm crisis, January 1998 [1 of 5]



Ice storm crisis, January 1998 [2 of 5]



Ice storm crisis, January 1998 [3 of 5]



Ice storm crisis, January 1998 [4 of 5]



Ice storm crisis, January 1998 [5 of 5]



What to do to evacuate each person

[1 of 4]



Artificial respirator (essential)

Essential equipment connected to his electric wheelchair

Electric wheelchair – over 350 pounds

- Good thing my friend Jonathan is not obese. But his wheelchair is very heavy, and it is essential to his survival.
- Can we evacuate him with his wheelchair if he is on the 10th floor of a building?

What to do to evacuate each person

[2 of 4]

Imagine a 47 year old person with an intellectual disability, who has always lived in the same house as his parents who are over 70 years old.

- How do we maintain routines when they are in the gymnasium, in a noisy environment and among strangers?



What to do to evacuate each person [3 of 4]



What to do to evacuate each person [4 of 4]



1998 Ice storm crisis



Special thanks to the military!

Findings on solidarity



My city



Other cities



And sometimes...

Findings on missing solutions [1 of 2]

- Confidentiality and free choice:
 - Having the right to ask to lift my confidentiality in some emergency situations
- Resilient communities:
 - Why not “Emergency Angels”?
- Standards for jobs:
 - Training for any person who may have to intervene with persons with disabilities

Findings on missing solutions [2 of 2]

- Understanding locations through the people who live there:
 - Which areas have the biggest population of persons with disabilities?
 - The need to build an ability-based analysis
- Learning from our mistakes:
 - Looking at our past and current mistakes with the people who have been affected for a common future.

Conclusion
