

Accessibility Checklist

Here are some guidelines on accessibility. Use the following checklist as a guide to help determine how accessible your business or establishment is!

Parking:

- are accessible parking spots at least 110" (2750 mm) wide and have an adjacent access aisle at least 100" (2500 mm) wide?
- is the location of accessible parking spaces readily visible and identified by symbol of access for drivers entering the parking lot during all weather conditions?

Ramps:

- are ramps provided as an alternative to stairs?
- are ramp slope and angles of turns safe and easy to use by wheelchairs?
- an ideal slope between 1:15 to 1:20 is manageable by most people who use wheelchairs, i.e. For every 20 foot length there should be a one foot rise
- Stairs:
- do stairs have handrails?
- are the stair risers closed in - open risers are hazardous?
- Solid risers are used to guide the foot up the riser to the next step, or to place a cane or crutches against the riser of the next step.

Lighting:

- is lighting bright enough in public areas including corridors and washrooms?

Elevators:

- do the doors open wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair (at least 36" or 910 mm)?
- do the doors stay open for at least 5 seconds?
- are the internal dimensions spacious enough [(69" x 54.8") 1725 mm x 1370 mm minimum]?
- are the buttons provided in Braille, and at an appropriate height (highest button not higher than 54.8"/1370 mm max., lowest button at least 35"/890 mm from the floor)?
- are there light or sound mechanisms that indicate floor changes or arrivals?

Doors:

- are the doors at least 33"/815 mm wide to accommodate a wheelchair?
- are the doors easy to open (Inside doors should not require more than 4.9 lbs. of force to push or pull them open/exterior doors, 8.5 lbs)?
- are the handles at an appropriate height (mounted between 16"/400 mm and 48"/1200mm from floor)?

Telephones:

- are the telephones and control mechanisms
- (coin slots) at an appropriate height (max 48" / 12000 mm from floor)?