

Accessible Buildings: A Quick Checklist

Exterior

- Ensure routes to the building entrance are stable, firm and slip-resistant
- Mark accessible parking spaces with the International Accessibility symbol
- Ensure the route to your entrance is at least 36 inches wide
- Use sand, not salt, in the winter

Entrance

- Paint entrance doors in a colour that contrasts with surrounding surfaces
- Install tactile warning strips on entrance stairs
- Install glare free lighting
- Secure carpeting or mats at edges

Interior

- Leave at least 36 inches in aisles and pathways
- Mark all tripping hazards
- Install seating for queues and waiting areas
- Ensure popular items are at medium height on shelves

Signage

- Install large, colour contrasting signage to indicate the building name and address
- Clearly indicate the location of an accessible entrance
- Offer alternative formats such as large print, or electronic formats
- Install tactile signage

Washrooms

- Install alternative types of signage (Braille, raised letters, symbols)
- Install automatic door opener
- Install grab bars
- Ensure faucets and dispensers are within easy reach of a wheelchair user