

ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS



VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Seniors and those who are visually impaired often need more illumination

Warning and directional signs could be Braille coded

Menus could be produced in larger print or on audio tape

Fast food restaurants could provide hand held menus with large print

HEARING IMPAIRED

Individuals with hearing impairments can often read lips if you speak slowly and look straight at them while talking

Learning just a few sign language gestures would help to communicate with persons with hearing impairments



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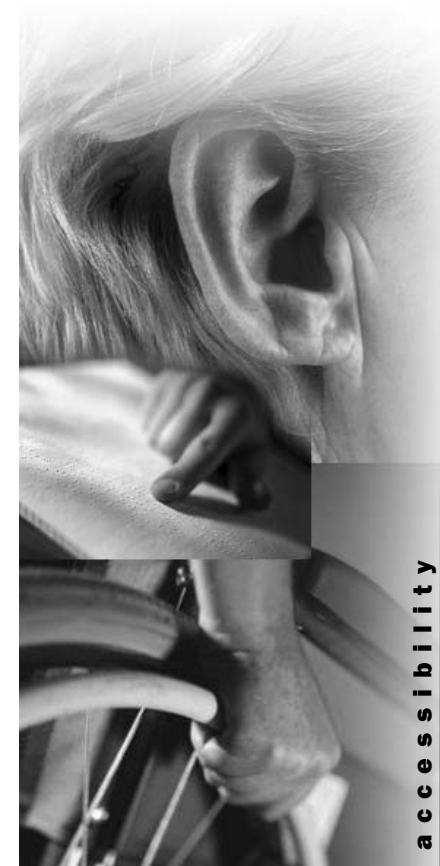
If more information is required, please contact the building department at 519.776.6476 and remember building codes change. Always check when renovating.

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IDEAS FOR MAKING YOUR BUSINESS
MORE ACCESSIBLE



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ENTRANCES and EXITS



Wide doors that are easily opened with one hand

Entrances are level without steps or ledges

Handrails on stairs or ramps are provided

Entrance and exit mats are clear, dry and flat

Provide seating and ensure that they have arm rests

Display name of business on the door

FLOORS and AISLES

Floors are kept clean and dry

Aisles are wide and free of obstructions

Floors are level and without any uneven ledges



INSIDE STAIRWAYS and CORRIDORS

Whenever possible replace stairs with ramps

Stair edges are highlighted with bright colours and use non-skid surfaces

Stairs are uniform with risers consistent in height and treads consistent in width

Rounded handrails are used

Stairways and corridors are well lit with emergency lighting available



PARKING LOTS and DRIVEWAYS

Adequate parking spots that are large enough to accommodate vehicles that display a disabled parking permit

Debris, snow and water are removed so that these areas are kept clean and barrier free



WASHROOMS

Washrooms are well marked and conveniently located

Entrances are wide enough to allow wheelchair and baby stroller access

Handrails are installed in toilet areas and sinks and towel dispensers are at reasonable heights

Family washrooms are available

Washrooms are well lit and maintained

SHELVES and DISPLAYS

Shelves and displays are firmly attached

Objects that are bulky and heavy are placed on or near the bottom

Assistance is provided for people who are unable to reach the top

