

# How accessible are your buildings?

## Through the premises accessible checklist

## Moving around inside the building

This guide has been developed with support from the Business Disability Forum (BDF), to explore how accessible your premises are.

It is good practice to have an Access Audit carried out so that you know how accessible your buildings are and are aware of any barriers that someone with a disability might encounter. If you cannot remove these barriers, you should develop strategies or put adjustments in place to overcome them.

This guide can be used by a Facilities Manager or a Diversity/HR Professional as an aide-memoire for ensuring accessibility within your premises is maintained.

It should be noted that this checklist does not take the place of a full access audit carried out by suitably qualified professionals.

### **Physical Considerations**

- 1. Is there an up to date map of the building layout near the entrance?
- 2. Does the map have a high colour contrast and use an accessible font and size, for the benefit of peole with sight problems?
- 3. Is internal signage in good order and lit adequately?
- Is any temporary signage in an accessible size and font? (e.g. sans serif)
- 5. Is flooring cover slip-resistant and safely secured to the floor?

#### Yes / No







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- 6. Are corridors well lit?
- 7. Are automatic doors working?
- 8. Are hold open devices for fire doors in good working order?
- **9.** If you have painted recently, have you used distinctive tones or colours to aid orientation?
- 10. Are elevators in good working order?
- 11. Are the floor announces and visual signals in elevators working?
- 12. Is there an adequate delay on the elevator door closing mechanism?
- **13.** Have you ensured a good standard of cleaning and clearance of obstructions in and around all elevator entrances/exists?
- 14. Is the assistance alarm in the WC in good order?
- 15. Are the toilets clean and clear of obstructions?
- **16.** Are your amplifying devices or induction loops in good working order, and are they easy to find?
- **17.** Are staff trained to direct and assist disabled people in case of an emergency?
- **18.** Are your staff trained to respond to and deal with calls for help raised using the assistance alarm in WC?
- **19.** Do staff know how to operate amplifying devices or hearing loops?





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