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How to Hold an Accessible Event

It is important that people with disability have the same chances as other community members to attend events and meetings.

Some people may need information given to them in different ways, have an interpreter, need a ramp rather than stairs or need to use a toilet that is accessible.

By making sure you think about access before you hold your meeting or event, you can make sure everyone can join in.

The best way to get good advice about access is to ask a person with a disability to help with planning good access.

Choosing a Venue

Events should be held in accessible venues.

Many older buildings are not accessible.

When there is no choice but to use an inaccessible venue, you can look at hiring equipment like ramps or audioloops.

Information about where to hire equipment is available at the Independent Living Centre at phone number 9381 0600.



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The following checklist has been created by the Disability Services Commission WA to help people with planning an accessible event.

Invitations and promotional material

Many people in our community experience difficulty in hearing, seeing and communicating with others. There are many simple ways to ensure your invitations and promotional material are accessible to people with disabilities.

Text	Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have you used a san serif font (such as Univers, Helvetica or Arial) in your invitations and promotional material?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is all text at least a minimum of 12 point type size?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have the invitations and promotional material been printed on matt paper and in contrasting colours?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the text uncluttered with no background graphics, patterns and watermarks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Content	Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Did your invitation or promotional material state whether the venue is accessible to people who use wheelchairs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Did your invitation include information about the accessible facilities at the venue such as the location of parking or nearest set down area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have you encouraged your invited guests to identify whether they have any access requirements such as accessible parking, an audio loop or sign language interpreter?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have you included in the invitation your facsimile number and email address so guests have alterative ways of communicating their attendance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is written promotional material available on request in alternative formats?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>




External environment

People with disabilities require a continuous, even, accessible path of travel. An accessible path of travel means there are no obstacles in the internal or external environment such as revolving doors, kerbs or steps.

Location of the nearest:

- Bus stop: _____
- Train station: _____

	Yes	No
Accessible parking bays		
• Does the venue have an accessible parking bay?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 • Is the accessible parking bay/s identified by the international symbol of access?		
- raised sign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- ground markings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• If the accessible parking is undercover is the roof a minimum of 2500 mm in height to allow the use of a car top hoist?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Is the distance from the car park to entrance less than 40m?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Continuous accessible path of travel

Is there a continuous accessible path of travel, including kerb ramps, to the building from the:

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| • Accessible parking bay/s? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Set down area? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • If there are steps to the building: | | |
| - Is there a ramp available for wheelchair users? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Do all steps have handrails? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Is there a contrasting strip on step edges? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • If there is a ramp to the building: | | |
| - Is the gradient no steeper than 1:14? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Does the ramp lead to the main entrance? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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The building

Entrance	Yes	No
• Is the entrance threshold level?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• If there is a step/s at the entrance of the doorway: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- is there a ramp of not more than 450 mm in length and with a gradient of 1 in 8?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Is the entrance door easy to open?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Is the clear door space 800 mm (preferred) or 850 mm?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Internal environment	Yes	No
• Is the inquiry or reception counter low enough for a wheelchair user?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Does the venue have an accessible path of travel from the front entrance to all areas guests will use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• If there are internal steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Do all steps have handrails?- Is there a contrasting strip on step edges?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
• If there are ramps: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Are they no steeper than 1:14?- Do they have handrails?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
• Do all doors have a clear space 800 mm (preferred) or 850 mm?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• If there is only a side approach to the door, is there 1200 mm clear space in front of the door?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Does the venue have a non-slip floor surface or carpets with a firm low pile of 6 mm or less?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Visibility

Yes

No

- Are facilities in the venue clearly signed? Yes No
- Is the venue well lit? Yes No
- Are there any areas of high reflection or glare? Yes No

Toilets

- Does the venue have a unisex accessible toilet? Yes No
- Is the toilet situated on the same floor as the function? Yes No
- Does the door have a clear space of 800 mm (preferred) or 850 mm? Yes No
- If the door of the toilet door opens inwards is the space large enough so for the person in a wheelchair to shut the door once inside? Yes No
- Is there 950 mm space at one side of the toilet pan? Yes No
- Is there a grab rail next to the toilet at 800 mm – 810 mm high, preferably in an “L” shape? Yes No

Signage

- Does the venue have clear, directional signage to:
 - the function room? Yes No
 - the toilets? Yes No
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The Function

Everyone wants to be able to see the stage, hear speeches being made, understand training or messages being delivered. The following checklist will ensure your function is one where everyone's communication requirements are met.

If you are organising a sit down function and your guests include people using wheelchairs, the following checklist will assist you to create an event where all of your guests feel comfortable and relaxed.

Communication	Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is there a position where the interpreter will stand, so people who are deaf or hard of hearing can see both the person speaking and the interpreter's face and hand movements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can the audio-visual technicians position spotlights for the interpreter which distribute light clearly and evenly to the face and upper body?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does the venue have an audio loop installed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If there is an audio loop:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- what type: induction loop/ infra-red/FM- has it been placed towards the front of the room with clear sight lines to the stage and the interpreter?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Sit down function		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are there sufficient walkways (1000 mm or wider) in the function room?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is there 900 mm space between tables?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is there 710 mm to 840 mm space under the table to allow a wheelchair to slide comfortably underneath?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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