

# Accessible Facilities Checklist for Scouts and Scouters with Special Needs

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Yes	No	<b>ACCESS TO FACILITY</b>
		Is the facility near a public transportation route?
		Do the sidewalks have curb cuts?
		Are there handicapped parking spaces? Van Accessible?
		Are those parking spaces near the entrance?
		Are those spaces 96 inches wide with an added 60 inches for the movement of a wheelchair?
		Is the entrance on grade, or is there a ramped entrance? [A ramp's incline should not exceed one ft. for a 12 foot run.]
		Are there handrails at inclines?
		Do the doors have a power assist or open with a 5 Lb. push-pull?
		Are drains and gratings aligned so it does not trap the wheels?

		<b>DOORWAYS-PATHWAYS</b>
		Are door openings (internal and external) at least a 32 in.? [Replacing traditional knife hinges with offset hinges can result in a 2 inch gain in width at minimal cost.]
		Do the doors have lever or handles not requiring twisting or squeezing? [Not knobs]
		Are doorway thresholds beveled and less than 3/4 inch high?
		Are hallways and pathways at least 36 inches wide? [60 inches where two wheelchairs may pass.]

		<b>BATHROOM FACILITIES</b>
		Is there an accessible bathroom? [could be Unisex]
		Is there space to transfer from a wheelchair to the seat - 60 inches?
		Are there grab bars in the toilet and shower?
		Is the seat height at 18 inches?
		Is the lavatory height no higher than 34 inches, yet allow 27 inches for knee clearance?
		Is the faucet lever, push, or electronically controlled?
		Does the shower allow for roll-in or transfer to a seat? Is there a hand held adjustable shower head?

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## MULTIPLE LEVEL BUILDINGS

If facilities are not on grade level, are there internal ramps or an elevator that operates at all times?

Are elevator call buttons no higher than 42 inches, and control buttons 54 inches?


## SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE FEATURES

Are there tactile indicators which can warn a person with vision impairments to obstructions and dangers?

Are audible alarms (bells) supplemented by strobe lights for the hearing impaired?

Are water fountains projecting, at a 36 inch spout level, or is a cup holder available for a wheelchair user?

Is there a sensory friendly area to go to when suffering from sensory overload?

In a location with fixed seats are there seating cut-outs or removable aisle seat armrests to facilitate transfer from a wheelchair?

Can a wheelchair user utilize work areas (tables, desks, etc.)? [Wooden blocks under the legs can raise the height for tall people too.]

The purpose of this checklist is to make leaders aware of facilities shortcomings for those with special needs and when possible, make them better serve the special needs community. We recognize this is not always possible, but hope leaders keep this in mind when selecting the meeting place to accommodate Scouts and Scouters with disabilities.