

Hotels for All!

Go Beyond the Accessibility Codes!



Travelling with Dignity

Travelling is a major challenge for people with reduced mobility, especially those who require assistance to transfer from wheelchair to bed to washroom. Most major hotel chains advertise accessible rooms and facilities, but are not fully accessible - **most are not hotels for all!**

This is partly because current accessibility codes are “minimalist” and slow to adopt best practices. And hotel chains do not understand how to meet the needs of those who must use power wheelchairs, lifting devices, and personal assistants. This is not intentional, but.... It is not fair, and not good hospitality. The same hotels provide many amenities for other clients - pools, business centres, travel and recreation.

It is not expensive nor difficult to retrofit a few rooms **fully** accessible. The above pictures show what your hotel could do!

- Uncluttered rooms with 36-38 inch doorways.
- Adjustable height single beds, open to floor.
- Roll in showers & toilets with side spaces.
- Ceiling lifts installed bed-to-bathroom.
- Refrigerator space for special meds & foods.
- Portable lift & shower commodes available.
- Hard surface floors, no soft carpeting.
- Care agency contracted for personal support.
- Retrofit an “accessible” hotel room for \$5-15k.

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