

## SCI BC Easy Steps to a More Accessible Business

<p>Outside</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure a path of travel from accessible parking and transit stop that is free of snow/ice, smooth and level, and free of displays or other obstructions.</li> <li>2. Have clear signage with large font and good colour contrast to show your business name, hours, address, etc.</li> <li>3. Avoid overhanging obstacles (eg. hanging baskets, displays protruding from the wall) that a blind person could walk into.</li> </ol>
<p>Entranceway and Doors</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Level entrance and automatic door, with clearance of 36 inches.</li> <li>2. Any mats on the floor are firmly fixed down to avoid a trip hazard.</li> <li>3. Any doors that are not automatic should require minimal force to pull open and have a “D” shaped handle that can be operated with a closed fist.</li> <li>4. Elevators should not be locked.</li> </ol>
<p>Aisles</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keep aisles clear of displays and other obstacles.</li> <li>2. Ensure space between tables or displays so everyone can move around them easily.</li> </ol>

Washrooms	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Don't use the washroom, especially the accessible washroom if there is one, as a storage space.</li> <li>2. The door or stall door swings out on an accessible washroom.</li> <li>3. Put grab bars in all washrooms; people who can walk benefit from grab bars too.</li> <li>4. Do not lock the accessible washroom unless all other washrooms are also locked.</li> </ol>
Signage and Printed Material	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use large font that is easy to read (eg. Arial) and ensure colour contrast between words and background.</li> <li>2. Ensure that accessible washrooms are clearly signed.</li> <li>3. Provide a paper copy of menus posted on the wall. Ensure that menus have a plain background.</li> </ol>
Amenity Height	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide lowered service counters and avoid bar-height tables.</li> <li>2. If lowered counters are not currently available, have a portable debit/credit machine or use an extendable cord so everyone can reach.</li> </ol>
Stairs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If there are stairs, ensure that handrails are sturdy and graspable.</li> <li>2. Stair edges, especially at landings, should be marked</li> </ol>

	with a tactile and colour contrasted strip.
General	1. Ensure all amenities are in good repair (eg. grab bars or railings firmly affixed to wall, floor is clean and dry, etc.)