

# Patio Program Accessibility Checklist

## Introduction

This checklist has been developed to help you ensure customers with disabilities can access your services. About 45% of people with disabilities have mobility related disabilities, and more than 40% of this population is over the age of 65 – as the population ages, this number will only grow. Together with their friends and families, people with disabilities, represent the third-largest market segment in North America. People with disabilities have a buying power of over \$50 billion in Canada. Source: [guelph.ca>living>accessibility>additional resources](http://guelph.ca>living>accessibility>additional_resources)

- ✓ Accessible Route(s) – A continuous unobstructed path connecting accessible elements and spaces.
  - Business shall not be conducted within the Accessible Routes
  - Patio are not permitted on sidewalks without sufficient width to accommodate a clear, unobstructed route of 1830 mm (6 ft) minimum
  - No gaps in the accessible surface more than ¼ inch
  - No rise greater than ¼ inch from connecting surfaces
  - Accessible route(s) within the patio space shall be 1.1 m wide minimum
- ✓ Accessible Parking - Includes the parking space, access aisle and route surrounding
  - Patios must be located 1m away from parking spaces
  - Patio features cannot overhang or obstruct the accessible parking
- ✓ Accessible Seating – Seating that is removable or there is a location at the table that is equal to all other seating at that table that accommodates a wheelchair.
  - 20% minimum must be accessible seating
  - Knee clearance of at least 685 mm (27 inches) height
  - Ground space of 760 mm (30 inches) wide by 480 mm deep
- ✓ Fencing -
  - High contrast colour to the surrounding area – For example black stanchions on white cement, etc.
  - Rigid horizontal member on the bottom portion that must be within 680mm (26 and 1.2 inch) from the ground and pulled taut
  - Opening shall be accessible/free of obstructions (including reception furniture) with a minimum of 950 mm wide to allow free passage of a person using a wheelchair
- ✓ Ramps -
  - To be used where a sidewalk and patio are separated by a curb
  - Max slope 1:15
  - Min width of 1.5 m
  - Slip resistant
  - Detectable warning surface with colour (peel and stick)
  - Texture must be contrasted with adjacent surfaces (tape at top and bottom)
  - Smooth transition with height difference no more than ¼ inch
  - No gaps in surface more than ¼ inch