

Tip Sheet: Low Mobility

Limited mobility can be caused by a number of reasons, and the people affected may or may not use a mobility aid. These aids can include wheelchairs (of which there are many different varieties, sizes and styles), mobility scooters, canes and crutches.

There are many considerations when planning accessibility at events for people with reduced mobility, and this tipsheet offers only the more basic considerations. For more information contact Hear Quebec directly and we will connect you with the right resources for your needs.

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Tips for organizers



Tips for users



Let the event planners know the dimensions of your mobility aid to ensure that space is adequate.

Ask if there is accessible parking nearby or adequate drop off space for your transportation needs.

Let organizers know if you require additional time to enter/exit the event.

Ask if the bathrooms have grab bars in place, and if there are automatic door openers, low sinks soap dispensers and towels.

If there is an elevator for people with reduced mobility, is there an alternative in case of emergency?

If the location has ramps, what is the incline? Are there rails alongside the ramps as well as staircases?

Ensure that the bathrooms are able to accommodate the size of wheelchair indicated, and if there are grab bars in place and a lower access to sink, soap dispenser and towels.

Consider the level of bars, tables and counters for users in a wheelchair and provide an area accessible to their needs.

Ensure the doors are wide enough for wheelchairs, and if the entrance has a vestibule make sure there is at least 4 feet between doors, or prop the second one open.

Ensure that all paths, hallways and aisles are wide enough to accommodate the mobility aid and are free of clutter, cables and debris.

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References

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