

## The Visually Impaired

- *Seniors and those who are visually impaired often need more illumination*
- *Warnings and directional signs could be Braille coded*
- *Menus could be produced in larger print or on audio tape*
- *Fast food restaurants could provide hand held menus with large print*



## The Hearing Impaired

- *Individuals with hearing impairments can often read lips if you speak slowly and look straight at them while talking.*
- *Learning just a few sign language gestures would help to communicate with persons with hearing impairments.*

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## IDEAS FOR MAKING YOUR BUSINESS MORE ACCESSIBLE

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Leamington Accessibility Committee



## Leamington Accessibility Advisory Committee

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# A c c e s s i b i l i t y   A w a r e n e s s



## Entrances and Exits

- *Wide doors that are easily opened with one hand*
- *Entrances are level without steps or ledges*
- *Handrails on stairs or ramps are provided*
- *Entrance and exit mats are clear, dry and flat*
- *Provide seating and ensure that they have arm-rests*
- *Display name of business on the door*

## Floors and Aisles

- *Floors are kept clean and dry*
- *Aisles are wide and free of obstructions*
- *Floors are level and without any uneven ledges*



## Inside Stairways and Corridors

- *Whenever possible replace stairs with ramps.*
- *Stair edges are highlighted with bright colours and use non-skid surfaces*
- *Stairs are uniform with risers consistent in height and treads consistent in width.*
- *Rounded handrails are used.*
- *Stairways and corridors are well lit with emergency lighting available.*



## Parking Lots and Driveways

- *Adequate parking spots that are large enough to accommodate vehicles that display a disabled parking permit.*
- *Debris, snow and water are removed from parking areas to minimize the struggle with barriers.*



## Washrooms

- *Washrooms are well marked and conveniently located.*
- *Entrances are wide enough to allow wheelchair and baby stroller access.*
- *Handrails are installed in toilet areas and sinks and towel dispensers are at reasonable heights*
- *Family washrooms are available*
- *Washrooms are well lit and well maintained.*

## Shelves and Displays

- *Shelves and displays are firmly attached.*
- *Objects that are bulky and heavy are placed on or near the bottom.*
- *Assistance is provided for people who are unable to reach the top.*