
Did You Know that...

- by year 2020 it is estimated that 20% of Ontarians will have a disability
- not all disabilities are visible
- The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 , applies to the public *and* the private sector
- environmental sensitivity is considered a disability
- the *Ontario Human Rights Code* (OHRC) states that every person in Ontario has the right to equal treatment with respect to services, goods and facilities, without discrimination because of a disability.
- by year 2025 the Province of Ontario is expected to be fully accessible.



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Useful links and numbers

Township of King 905-833-5321
www.township.king.on.ca

Accessibility Directorate of Ontario
416-326-0207
888-520-5828
www.mcass.gov.on.ca/accessibility/index

Accessibility Advisory Council
416-314-7545
877-877-0109
www.mcass.gov.on.ca/accessibility/index

Directory of Accessibility
416-326-0207
888-520-5828
www.accessibilitydirectory.ca

Canadian Standards Association
416-747-4000
800-463-6727
www.csa.ca

The Ontarians with Disabilities Act Committee
odacommitee.net

Canadian National Institute for the Blind
416-486-2500
905-883-8854
www.cnib.ca

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
416-585-6666
www.obc.mah.gov.on.ca (building code)

THE ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (AODA)

Bill 118

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act became law on June 13, 2005

The Act's long-term goal is for a **barrier-free Ontario** by 2025, but it also requires that work begin immediately. Short and medium-term time goals required by the legislation will ensure that **steady progress** is made.

The Act uses a broad, inclusive definition of disability and the barriers that will be covered by the Act. It is not limited to only physical disabilities or physical barriers.

The Act applies to the **private** as well as **public** sector.

Mandatory accessibility **standards**, developed through consultation with persons with disabilities as well as businesses or organizations in the affected sectors, will be developed.

There is a fair and effective **enforcement** mechanism to ensure that progress is made.



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Accessibility Advisory
Committee

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A checklist to a barrier free King



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The Accessibility Advisory Committee assists and advises the Township council on matters pertaining to accessibility. The recently introduced Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA), aims to improve opportunities for persons with disabilities to participate fully in all aspects of life. This includes ensuring that everyone has access to public spaces.

www.mcass.gov.on.ca/accessibility/index

**To contact the
Township of King
Accessibility Advisory Committee**

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The following features could facilitate accessibility:

PARKING

Adequate accessible parking spaces, clearly marked, and near the entrance

RAMPS

ramps with railing makes access with both wheelchairs and strollers easy and safe

CURBS

Curb cut should be gradual and a non-slip surface should be used

LANDSCAPING

Avoid using plants that could impede on paths and walkways.

ENTRANCE

Automatic doors and wide doorways are a consideration to aid access

WASHROOM

We suggest a "unisex", fully accessible, washroom for public areas

LIGHTING

Consider the visually impaired when planning for lights

SIGNAGE

Use easy to read large print and symbolics

ELEVATOR

When installing an elevator ensure that it is "automatic" and an appropriate size to accommodate wheelchairs

FLOORING

A no-slip flooring surface is recommended for public areas

COUNTERS

Counters or parts thereof should be at levels to accommodate wheelchairs.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee of King Township strongly suggest that the above listed points be taken into consideration when submitting a site plan and/or applying for a building permit.