

Age-Friendly Community Businesses

Getting to Your Business

Sidewalks, Entrances

- ☐ Are well-maintained, accessible and free from obstructions
- ☐ Have wheelchair sloped entry ramps
- ☐ Are well lit
- ☐ Are non-slip with level wheelchair access
- ☐ There is prompt snow removal: snow is removed or piled well away from the entrance

Parking

- ☐ The parking lots are clear of snow and are kept ice free to prevent falling
- ☐ Available parking is well-maintained and located nearby for easy access
- ☐ Drop-off and pick-up areas are available, obstruction free, clearly marked, and conveniently located
- ☐ There are a sufficient number of handicap accessible parking spots

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Buildings

- ☐ Entrance doors are easy to open by someone in a wheelchair or walker
- ☐ There are automatic doors with accessible buttons that are open long enough to allow people with wheelchairs and walkers to safely enter
- ☐ People in wheelchairs can easily navigate aisles and spaces in your business
- ☐ There are no or as few stairs as possible, inside and outside
- ☐ The flooring is non-slip
- ☐ Washrooms are located on the main floor
- ☐ Washrooms are large enough for wheelchairs, walkers and strollers
- ☐ Signs are easy to read outside and inside
- ☐ There is sufficient seating for patrons to rest or to use your services
- ☐ Elevators and ramps are available
- ☐ Stairs are safe and have railings

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Getting Information About Your Business

Information

- ☐ Seniors can easily find information about your business
- ☐ Print and spoken communication uses simple, familiar words in short, straight-forward sentences
- ☐ Patrons have a choice of services and products to suit a variation of needs
- ☐ Seniors are visible in advertising and are depicted positively and without stereotyping

Technology

- ☐ Telephone answering services give instructions slowly and clearly and tell callers how to repeat the phone message at any time

Customer Services

- ☐ Transportation is available for seniors to get to the business (e.g., shuttle bus)
- ☐ Delivery services (groceries, medicines, etc.) or escorted shopping services are available to seniors

Staff Awareness

- ☐ Seniors are treated respectfully by staff including;
 - Addressed with appropriate titles
 - Needs are accommodated
 - Relevant, clear information is provided
- ☐ Staff are courteous and helpful

Older Employees in Your Business

- ☐ Seniors who are expected to use newer technologies in paid work are provided with appropriate training