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Basic tips for maintaining physical accessibility

- 1. Do not lock accessible bathrooms or lifts while premises are in use by members of the public. Ensure accessible bathrooms can be reached via a continuous accessible path of travel.
- 2. Do not use accessible bathrooms or change rooms as storage areas.
- 3. Avoid constructing temporary displays or stacking goods in a manner which obstructs aisles. Make sure there are continuous accessible paths of travel around and within premises.
- 4. Make sure that counter heights, lift buttons, EFTPOS facilities, door handles, etc. are within reach of a person using a wheelchair.
- 5. Ensure that lift buttons have raised tactile and Braille information next to them and that the lifts provide audible information telling passengers what floor they have arrived at.
- 6. Maintain adequate lighting levels throughout premises.
- 7. Provide adequate signage for people with disability accessing or using the premises.
- 8. Do not allow surfaces to become dangerously worn or slippery.
- 9. Provide designated parking spaces for people with disabilities and maintain a continuous accessible path of travel from the parking space to the premises.

Note: This information has been extracted from 'Access for all: improving accessibility for consumers with disability' from the Australian Human Rights Commission's 'Good Practice Good business' suite of resources. The full list of resources is available at https://humanrights.gov.au/our-work/employers/good-practice-good-business-factsheets



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