

# Good design factsheet

To improve access for all to public development.

Thinking upfront about inclusive design can make a world of difference. This short guide will assist you in designing better buildings and spaces by highlighting key questions and solutions to some common access issues in the Canada Bay area.

It does not replace the requirement to comply with relevant laws and codes including the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA), the Building Code of Australia (BCA), and the Australian Standards (AS).

## Accessible paths of travel for all



- Is the path wide enough for a wheelchair or walking frame?
- Is there a clear and continuous accessible path of travel with no uneven or loose surfaces, no steps or other barriers?
- Is there good overhead clearance with nothing hanging down that might be a hazard for people who are blind or vision impaired?

## Dignified access for all

Same entrance for all without reliance on separate access or stair lifts.



## Circulation space

- Is there enough space for a wheelchair and a person using a walking frame to pass another person, or regular passing spaces along the path or in circulation areas?
- Is there seating, bins, street furniture provided at regular intervals?



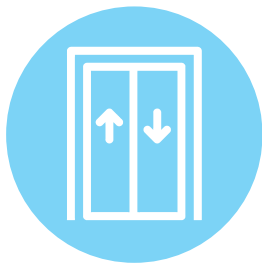
## Stairs

- Are there continuous handrails and colour contrast strips on the leading edge or nosing?
- Are there warning tactile ground surface indicators (TGSIs) at the top and bottom?



## Lifts

- Are there handrails installed?
- Is the lift large enough to allow someone using a wheelchair or walking frame to ensure they can turn around and access the lift control panel?
- Do lift buttons have raised tactile and Braille information next to them?
- Can buttons be reached by all?
- Are there audible and visual signals to detail lift levels?



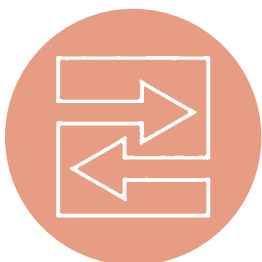
## Facilities

- Is at least part of any reception desk area at a height that can be used by a person using a wheelchair?
- Is there good lighting to assist people with a vision impairment to follow the safest pathway and to assist with communication?
- Does seating have suitable back and arm rests to support people who have difficulty being seated or getting up from a seated position?



## Way finding

- Is signage clear and simple to understand?
- Is signage large enough to be seen at some distance and of high contrast?



*Example of dignified access for all, by using of the same entrance for all, no uneven or loose surfaces, and no need for a separate access way or step into reception (Canada Bay Council Civic Centre).*