

Built environment checklist.





Checklist ✓

Total accessibility is when people with disability can access all the parts of your club that a person without disability can access and is a great symbol of inclusion.



One of the biggest frustrations for someone with a disability is coming up against barriers due to inaccessible features and facilities. More often than not, the person with accessibility needs understands that not everything is going to be perfect.

This is especially true at local sporting clubs as club facilities are generally not brand new and therefore are not built with the modern-day accessibility standards in mind.

In an ideal world all sporting clubs would be fully accessible, but the reality is that this is not the case and doing so will take time and money.

In the meantime, what will make the biggest difference for people with disability coming to your club is having a good understanding and awareness of how accessible your club is so that you can easily communicate this with people who need to know.

It will make their experience so much easier if you are able to share with them what is and isn't accessible so they can plan around it instead of having to find out for themselves.





You can use the following checklist to assess how physically accessible your club is and how you can plan for future adjustments and improvements.

Don't stress if your club isn't completely accessible from the get-go, total accessibility is a process that takes time and the most important part of this is simply understanding where you're at on your inclusion journey.

As you are going through the checklist to the right, tick the box that applies to the listed facilities of your club:



No adjustments required:

Our facilities are up to scratch and don't require any changes.



Potential adjustments required:

Our facilities are generally accessible but could use some upgrading.



Adjustments required:

Our facilities are inaccessible and require an upgrade.

By going through and rating each of your facilities using our ranking system you will be able to easily see where your priorities are in terms of upgrades. You may want to approach local government or sponsors to help fund improvements.

Having an up-to-date list of how accessible all of your facilities are to share with members and visitors alike is a fantastic tool to have ready because you never know when someone with a disability will come through the door.




Parking

Good example of accessible parking bay:



Image Description: An accessible parking bay marked in blue and white paint. There is allocated wide exiting space on either side of the parking space.


 Tick the box that applies to the listed facilities of your club:	No adjustments required:	Potential adjustments required:	Adjustments required:
Accessible parking bays are available			
Accessible parking bays are clearly marked with the international symbol for disability			
There is a clear and safe path of travel to pathway from parking bay			

Entrances

Good example of accessible entrance ramp:



Image Description: An entrance to a building with two stairs as access. A concrete ramp has been built over the stairs with secured, steel handrails.

 Tick the box that applies to the listed facilities of your club:	No adjustments required:	Potential adjustments required:	Adjustments required:
Doors are easy to open e.g. slide doors, not too heavy			
There is sufficient width space for a mobility device to enter easily			
There is a flat / step free entrance			
There is an alternative entrance with a ramp or flat entry (If there are steps / stairs to enter)			

Reception areas

Good example of accessible reception desk:



Image Description: A reception desk at standing height with an additional space on the end of the desk that is lower. A person who uses a wheelchair is waiting in line to talk to a receptionist.


<p>✓ Tick the box that applies to the listed facilities of your club:</p>	<p>No adjustments required:</p>	<p>Potential adjustments required:</p>	<p>Adjustments required:</p>
<p>There is an additional space for a lowered counter (If only high counters are installed)</p>			
<p>There is adequate leg clearance at counters/tables</p>			
<p>There is seating available with both backrests and armrests</p>			
<p>The floor surface is slip resistant</p>			
<p>Exposed edges of carpet is fastened to the floor surface and have a trim along the entire length of the exposed edges e.g. rugs resistant</p>			
<p>Reception areas are appropriately lit and lighting is even</p>			
<p>There is clear and consistent signage E.g. location of entry, exit, reception etc</p>			

Kitchen/Dining/ Canteen Area/ Social Areas

Good example of accessible reception desk:



Image Description: A canteen dining area with low height tables and removable chairs. There is plenty of circulation space between the tables and plenty of leg room beneath the tables.

 Tick the box that applies to the listed facilities of your club:	No adjustments required:	Potential adjustments required:	Adjustments required:
<p>There is an accessible and clear path to canteen booth/dining/kitchen area</p>			
<p>At the canteen/servery window, there is a wheelchair accessible section at a height between 830-870mm with leg clearance underneath</p>			
<p>Tables are available at an appropriate height for someone using a seated mobility device (e.g. wheelchair, scooter...) with leg clearance underneath table</p>			
<p>Seating has armrests and backrests</p>			

Change/shower facilities

Good example of accessible change/shower facilities:



Image Description: A open space shower with a fold out seat and grab rail in the right hand corner of image.

 Tick the box that applies to the listed facilities of your club:	No adjustments required:	Potential adjustments required:	Adjustments required:
There are grab rails and a foldable, self-draining, slip resistant seat available			

Spectator Facilities

Good example of spectator facility:



Image Description: empty bleachers with an open space in the middle for a mobility device.

<p>✓ Tick the box that applies to the listed facilities of your club:</p>	<p>No adjustments required:</p>	<p>Potential adjustments required:</p>	<p>Adjustments required:</p>
<p>There is a designated area for wheelchairs and/or other mobility devices to sit</p>			
<p>There are chairs/spaces for carers/friends to place beside mobility device</p>			
<p>Shaded areas are available within viewing area</p>			

Bathrooms

Good example of accessible bathroom:



Image Description: Image of a toilet area with grab rails on either side, an automatic soap dispenser and a basin at an accessible height.

<p>✓ Tick the box that applies to the listed facilities of your club:</p>	<p>No adjustments required:</p>	<p>Potential adjustments required:</p>	<p>Adjustments required:</p>
<p>There are designated accessible all-gender bathrooms</p>			
<p>Doors to the toilets are automatic or easy to open</p>			
<p>There is there an emergency alarm installed in the cubicle</p>			
<p>There is appropriate wheelchair circulation space</p>			
<p>There is appropriate lighting in the bathroom</p>			
<p>Grab rails are installed in bathroom</p>			
<p>The soap dispenser is at an appropriate height</p>			
<p>The soap dispenser is automatic</p>			

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Braille:

A form of written language for blind people, in which characters are represented by patterns of raised dots that are felt with the fingertips.

Grab rails:

A bar attached to a wall that people can hold to help them get up or down to avoid falling.

Hearing augmentation:

Hearing Augmentation is installed to allow someone with hearing impairment to hear as if they were less than one metre from the sound source.

Hearing loop:

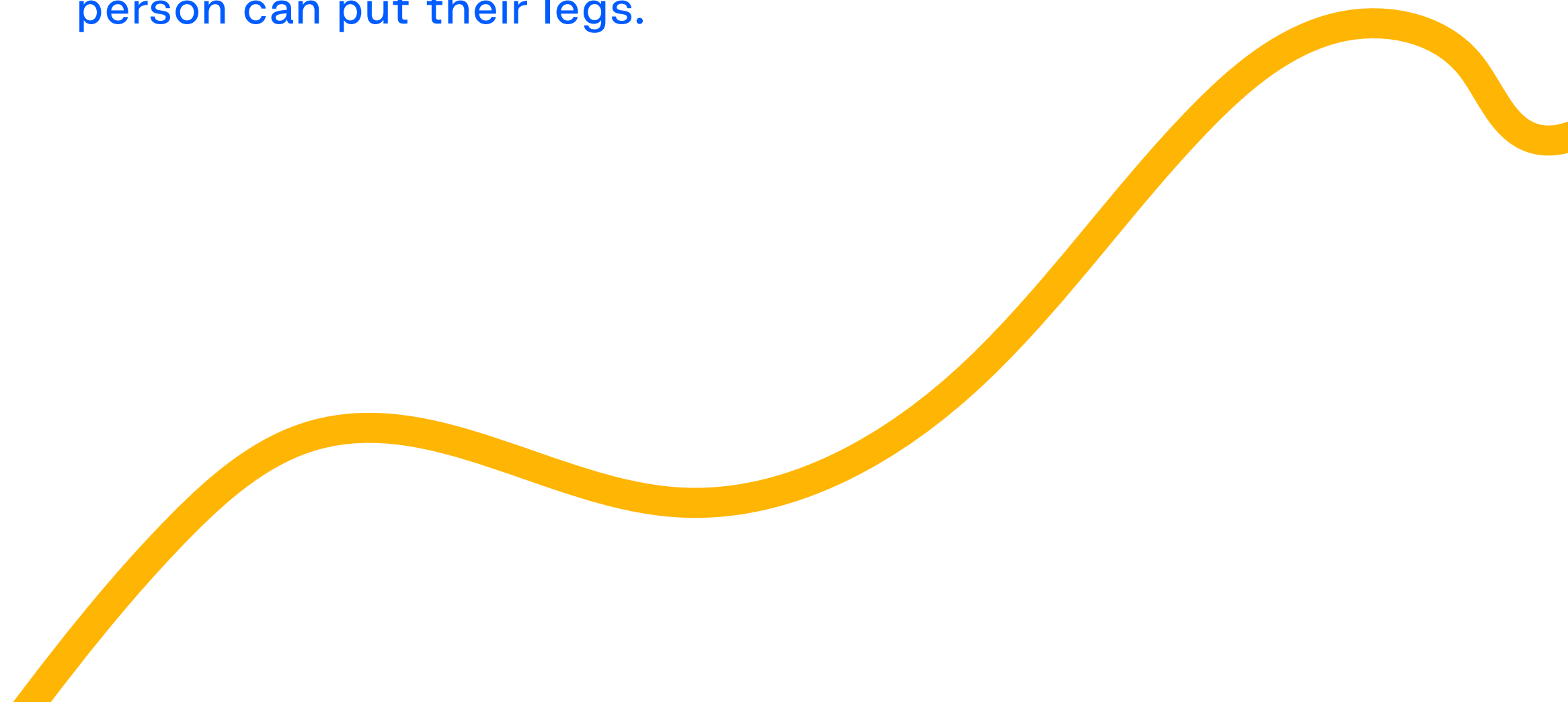
Technology that allows a person who is Deaf or hard of hearing to hear as if they were less than one metre from the sound source.

International symbol of disability:

The International Symbol of Access, also known as the Wheelchair Symbol, consists of a blue square overlaid in white with a stylised image of a person in a wheelchair.

Leg clearance:

An empty space in which a seated person can put their legs.





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