# **Pub accessibility, accessible toilets and facilities**

Cloth	Blue
PPE	N/A
Chemicals	Sanitiser
Reference	Safety policies • Risk assessment manual • COSHH manual • DMLB     SOP - B0007 - Duty Manager pre-opening toilet checks     SOP - B0008 - How to complete hourly toilet checks

## Step 1



- Duty managers must check prior to opening and throughout the day that all accessible facilities are in good working order at all times. Refer to SOP B0007
   Duty Manager pre-opening toilet checks.
- Duty managers must ensure that toilet checks are completed a minimum of every hour including the accessible toilet facility. Refer to SOP - B0008 - How to complete hourly toilet checks.

## Step 2



### External access routes:

- Ramps and entrances must be kept clear of obstruction at all times.
- Access routes must be maintained in good condition, eg check entrance doors, lighting is working, hand rails are secure, flooring/flags/tiles in good condition.
- If entrance doors are not easy to open, a working door bell must be available at low level for wheelchair users to alert employees that assistance is required.
- Prior to opening check the door bell is working and audible at the bar.

# Step



- Check there is a clear route from the accessible entrance to the bar.
- Check that the route to the accessible toilet facilities is kept clear and free from obstruction at all times.

## Step 4



- Where a radar lock is installed, a radar key must be available for customers at all times
- Store the key in an area only accessible to employees, and on request, open the door for the customer. Do not give the key to the customer.
- Do not attach the key to any large objects.
- Check the door is in good condition, well signed and the lock is working.

## Step 5



### Handrails:

- Check the handrails are secure on the external and/or internal side of the door.
- Check the handrails around the toilet are secure and in good working order.



• Store the movable handrail in the upright position when not in use.

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## Step 6





### **Emergency alarm:**

- The emergency pull cord must be positioned 2 inches from the floor and have a red plastic triangle on the end. There must be a second triangle between 80cm and 1m from the floor.
- The emergency alarm must be checked every day prior to opening.
- Pull the cord an audible high pitched alarm will be heard. Check that this is audible from the bar area.
- The emergency alarm light will illuminate this is positioned externally above the door or on the bar wall.
- In the event that the alarm does not sound or the light does not illuminate, place an immediate call out via the property maintenance system.
- Brief the floor employees to complete half hourly toilet checks in the accessible toilet until the system is repaired.
- If the alarm cord is damaged, or the plastic triangles are missing, a replacement "Red Emergency Alarm Cord & Triangle" can be ordered via the property maintenance system, supply only order.
- The replacement cord can be attached using the clip just below the fitting in the ceiling.

# Step



### **Emergency alarm reset switch:**

 Once the alarm is tested and working, reset the system by pressing the reset switch. This will be located within the accessible toilet facility.

### Step 8



### Passenger lift:

- Test the lift is working and clean prior to opening the pub each day.
- If cleaning is required, use a clean blue cloth and sanitiser to wipe walls, doors, frames and handles. Use citrus degreaser to mop the floor. Dry with blue roll.
- If the lift is not operational, place a call out via the property maintenance system.
- Display an 'out of order' sign.
- Brief all employees to ensure any customers with mobility issues who cannot get to the bar are served at the table throughout the duration of their visit.
- If the lift fails with a passenger in it and the contractor cannot guarantee attendance within one hour, contact the emergency services for assistance.

# Step



Employees must be trained in the delivery of great customer service to all customers.

This includes (but is not limited to):

- Assisting customers to access the premises when the access door bell is activated.
- Moving furniture to allow wheelchair access.
- Assisting customers in taking drinks to the table.
- Providing explanations of menu items to partially sighted customers.
   Customers may be directed to the GoodFoodTalks app.
- Supply a radar key on request.
- What to do in the event the accessible toilet emergency alarm is triggered.
- Get to know the specific needs of regular customers.

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# Step 10



- Check there are no slip, trip or fall hazards throughout the customer area.
- Check there are suitable table facilities in accessible areas.
- Do not use the accessible toilet area for any storage.
- Ensure all employees are fully trained on accessible facilities.
- Check PPMs are up to date on passenger lifts and the lift certificate is current.
  In the event of an emergency evacuation, ensure assistance is given to
- In the event of an emergency evacuation, ensure assistance is given to customers with additional needs.
- Any maintenance issues must be reported via the property maintenance system immediately.
- Registered assistance dogs are allowed on the premises.

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