

**House Standing Committee on Legal and
Constitutional Affairs**

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**Inquire into the draft Disability (Access in to
Premises – Buildings) Standards**

**Disability (Access to Premises – Building)
Standards 2009**

Disability Discrimination Act 1992

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Ability Rights Victoria - ABN: B21-594-10C

ALL premises (new or improved) all corridors and pathways **must grant an access too;**

1/ Gophers

2/ Scooters

3/ plus all models of wheelchairs (being a manual – a 4wheel: – or a 6wheel)

4/blind citizens

5/ citizens controlling prams or child handling equipment

6/ unwell citizens

7/ citizens controlling walking frames!

PLEASE NOTE:

If facilities have a doorway users of mobility equipment need to pass through: all doorways to be electronically controlled. *Users of mobility equipment have difficulty using manually controlled swing door.*

Request that;

1/ all disabled person's toilet facilities; to be of equal size! EG: 12 foot square. With internal fittings fitted at a 45 degree angle at corners

2/ access into this facility: be through

A/ an electronic sliding doorway; or

B/ an electronically controlled swinging door

No manual swinging door is accepted.

3/ Hand washing facilities to have room underneath hand basin: allowing disabled citizens to drive their machine under sink.

4/ an emergency call for assistance button fitted at a height at all disabled citizen's toilet facilities. **(Where staffs are on duty)**

5/ at railroad stations “there is a sign on the outside wall” EG: “This facility is reserved for citizens controlling mechanical machinery”.

Where councils have disabled person's toilet facilities: councils *to carry out regular checks* these checks at appropriate times.

Entrance to facility is through either a sliding door or electronic swing door.