

## Outside

- Accessible car park close to entrance.
- Footpath free of obstacles.
- Mount signs on walls or high up on eaves.
- Locate essential signage against business frontage.

## Aisles

- Wide and clear of obstacles and tripping hazards.
- Steps and edges indicated with a high contrast single band of colour. Yellow is more easily visible.

## Noise

- Create quieter zones.
- Coffee makers/ noisy machines away from or screened off from diners.

## Entrance

- Automatic doors and level path.
- Adjust closers on heavy/ hard to open doors.
- Wide enough for wheelchair access.
- Alternative entry well signed, visible and safe.
- Contrasting colour door to wall.
- High contrast strip/ image on glass doors/ walls.

## Signage

- Consider distance sign to be viewed from for print size.
- Arial and Verdana fonts are easier to read.
- Strong contrast between writing and background.
- Displays in cabinets.

## Lighting

- Even lighting in circulation areas.
- Brighter where reading required and in hazard areas eg steps.
- Protection from glare with blinds, curtains and matt surfaces.

## Furnishings

- Easy to access stable chairs with sturdy arms in contrasting colour.
- A chair beside the counter.
- Can tables and benches used by customers fit a wheelchair allowing for knee and toe space?

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## EFTPOS machines

- Portable or extendable cords.
- Good contrast, large buttons and grid layout.

## Bathroom

- Doorway wide enough for wheelchair access.
- Doorway/ toilet/ under sink area clear of moveable objects.
- An outward swinging toilet door allows more space.

## Education

- Not all disabilities are visible, so be aware some people may need extra help.
- Discuss with employees how to accommodate customers with mobility devices or assistance dogs.

A member of **WAG** is very happy to take a look at your premises to offer barrier free ideas.

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A useful website is:

[www.barrierfree.org.nz](http://www.barrierfree.org.nz)



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New Zealanders have  
some form of disability**

Making your business accessible increases your customer base, makes good economic sense and benefits everyone!



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