

Age-friendly and Accessibility Criteria

The County of Simcoe endeavours to identify, remove and prevent barriers to people with disabilities to ensure that everyone has access to the County's goods, services and facilities. We respectfully request that recipients of Simcoe County Tourism, Culture and Sport Grant consider that their event/project/site are designated with accessibility in mind.

When planning an event, the following accessible features should be considered:

- Accessible parking spaces – placed close to venue entries and exits, accessible toilets, pay stations and lifts/ramps.
- Paths of travel – provide wide, even, slip-resistant paths, without steps or barriers.
- Stages and seating – provide a ramp for your stage, and ensure it is visible for someone watching from accessible seating or from a wheelchair.
- Food Services and Public Eating Areas – design food areas so that someone who needs mobility support can easily navigate them. Provide options for people using wheeled mobility devices.
- Washrooms and Temporary Toilets – provide accessible toilets or washrooms at level ground level, away from crowds and sound systems.
- Rest Areas and Rain/Wind/Sun Shelters – offer quiet areas and weather shelters.
- Signage – provide high-contrast signs in high and low positions, and make sure signs use sans serif fonts that are readable in all light conditions
- Support Staff – can go wherever the person they support goes. Admission fees posted in the same place where general admission information is found.
- Service Animals – can accompany a person with a disability to all areas available to the public.
- Training Staff and Volunteers – train staff and volunteers on your event/project accessibility features.
- Promote your Event/Project – tell people about your accessibility features in the same places that you promote your event/project.
- Ask for Feedback – collect feedback before, during and after the event/project

See the [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act](#) (AODA) for more information, or reference the [Festival & Events Accessibility Guide](#) when planning your event.

See additional resource: [CNIB Clear print Accessibility Guidelines](#)