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**Barrier free and accessibility for differently abled and aged /elderly persons**

**Preamble:** To bring about awareness and sensibility towards the concerns and issues of the differently abled (persons with disability) and elder persons using public buildings enabling them to have barrier free and convenient access to public buildings

Prime aim is to ensure proper access for all people with or without disabilities to approach, enter or leave the buildings independently and use its facilities such as foyers, staircases, toilets, offices without undue difficulty.

**Legal provisions:** Enactment of the “The Person with disabilities (Equal opportunity and protection of rights and full participation) Act, 1995 by Government of India and provisions made under “Non-discrimination in built environment” Chapter VIII Section 46. Under the provisions of the Act, the public buildings need to be provided with, modified to suit the needs of the differently abled persons.

In accordance therewith, the building should be provided with

1. Ramps and Railings, Handrails to Staircases, building entrances, office entrances as per the design provided;
2. Corridor, Lobby, Pathways
3. Toilets/Washrooms, washbasins, water taps with utilities suited to their needs as per the standard design;
4. Providing wheelchairs and walkers
5. Braille and tactical signs

The existing buildings need to be modified/provided with above facilities to ensure barrier free access to differently abled persons. The UGC has issued specific directives in this respect and due recognition and attention is also given in NAAC accreditation.

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