## Increasing Business by Improving Access - Customer Service -

1 in 5 people have a disability - visible and invisible, temporary and permanent

## Focus on the person - not their disability

Treat all customers, with or without a disability, with **Respect** - be polite not patronising.



**Ask** customers if they want help first - they may not need your assistance, but asking breaks the ice.



**Speak normally** & clearly, listen carefully - consider using pen and paper - especially for people with hearing difficulties.



**Tactile signs, labels & menus** are clear - use large print, high contrast colours, raised surfaces.





Keep **music low** and noise down - people with hearing difficulties can communicate with staff & each other more easily.



**Talk directly** to the customer, not the person who might be with them - stay facing them as you speak.



**Offer your arm** to a vision impaired customer asking for guidance - so they can hold you above the elbow.



Have **visual options** ready to aid verbal communication.



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## Increasing Business by Improving Access - Physical Design -

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Easy to see **entrance** to your business - contrasting colours between doorways & surrounding walls.



No stairs - permanent or temporary **ramps** so all people can enter your business.



**Change rooms** are sized for a wheelchair user to be able to turn around easily.



Aisles and hallways are kept clear to stop tripping, & wide enough for wheelchair users to use - at least 1.2 m.





Staff can **see your entrance** from the
counter - customers who
need a ramp or other
help can be seen.



**Tables** are between 75-86cm - so they can also be used by wheelchair users.



Customer service **counter height** is between 75-80cm - so staff easily see & serve wheelchair users.



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