



AUDIT YOUR PREMISES





ACCESS AUDIT



Parking

Many people with disabilities are faced with barriers that exclude them from participating as equal citizens. These barriers can be attitudinal and societal as well as physical and affect people with different impairments at different times of their lives. An accessible built environment has been recognized as a core element of an inclusive society. An accessible environment provides citizens with autonomy and the means to pursue an active social and economic life.

The aim of an access audit is to examine the premises and assess whether it is impossible or unreasonably difficult for members of the public to access and use services and to identify areas where remedial action is required. All the findings are presented in an easy to use report – combining facts and figures with photographs. We look at physical aspects of your buildings and services to identify if they do not meet the requirements of universal design.

We can provide infrastructure accessibility audit of all public and private places including hospitals, cinema halls, shopping malls, recreational centres, educational institutions, railway platforms and bus stands, residential complexes, hotels and restaurants, workplaces, educational institutions and basically every business, commercial, non commercial establishment that is meant to serve the common public.

We provide core recommendations to help you put in place cost effective ways of improving accessibility for all persons with disabilities and the elderly. This provides a road map to enable your staff, policies, technologies and environmental factors to be more inclusive.

Why should your organisation have an audit done?

It is important that you make every effort to make your service accessible. An audit will help identify

problems and point you in the right direction to solve them. It is important to note that many of the solutions to access problems can be cheap and easy to carry out – for example painting the edge of steps can assist people with visual impairments.

Methodology and Processes Adopted

- Physical verification
- General observation and measurement of height, width, incline etc
- Recording/noting the existing good practices / accessible features for better accessibility
- Interaction with Staff
- Photography
- Sketching
- Technical Report

Standards Followed

We will audit according to the International accessible built environment standards as well as according to the provisions contained within the countries National Building Code and other relevant guidelines. The Codes/Standards are:

- ISO 21542, Accessibility and usability of the built environment
- Part 3, Annexure B, National Building Code 2016 (India)
- Harmonised Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier-Free Built Environment for persons with Disability and Elderly Persons
- Definitions in Section 2 RPwD Act 2016

Our Fee

We are keen to provide an affordable service as we want as many people as possible to enjoy access to our services. Basic audit fee is INR 15000 for 3000 square feet area. Fee will differ with area and storeys of individual building. Quotation will be submitted after detailed discussion and physical inspection. Pre-Audit visit will be charged at INR 3000 in local area. 5000 within Odisha and 15000 outside of Odisha. Outstation visits will include travel and other logistics fee.

Reception



Table



Water Point



Toilet



Training on Accessibility Standards

- Tailored session to professionals in construction and building management professionals.
- Training on understanding accessibility issues and solutions for different disabilities, standards and implementation of access solutions.

Walk and talk Audits/ Route appraisals

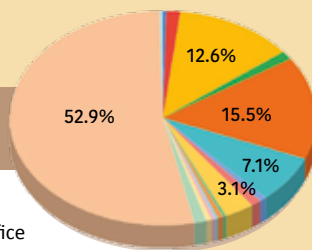
A walk and talk audit/route appraisal is a simplified version of an access audit and is usually carried out accompanied by the client. As the walk and talk audit/route appraisal takes place the auditor discusses the main positive and negative accessibility features and a short report will be sent to the client after the meeting. For example; an organisation may wish to carry out a walk and talk audit/route appraisal if they are holding a seminar in a new hotel or if a small organisation (such as local shop, garden centre, hairdressers etc.) wants to investigate their accessibility. While carrying out a walk and talk audit/route appraisal the auditor should be making the client aware of general ease of use of premises; provisions in place for people with various disabilities; obstacles/hazards; means of escape provided; wayfinding systems in place; circulation (horizontal and vertical, level changes) and quality of fixtures, surfaces lighting etc.

About Swabhiman

Founded in 2001, Swabhiman is a registered non-profit, a cross disability organization, advocating for and serving persons with disabilities in Odisha, India and South Asia. It advocates for the human rights-based approach to disability implying that all persons with disabilities need to participate in all spheres of society on an equal basis with their non-disabled peers. Swabhiman has been in the forefront of several policy changes that have positively impacted the lives of persons with disabilities. It works with a range of stakeholders; to advocate for the rights of persons with disability along with encouraging their education, providing linkages to employment; increasing public awareness; creating and disseminating knowledge, information, and opportunities; working towards accessible cities and conducting research for enabling advocacy. Swabhiman works at the international level with CDPF (Commonwealth Disabled People's Forum) London, DPI (Disabled People's International) and at national level with NDN (National Disability Network).

Swabhiman Audit Experience

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| • State Assembly | • Port |
| • Bus Stand | • Post Office |
| • College/ University | • Raj Bhawan |
| • Judicial Court | • Sports Stadium |
| • School | • Super Market |
| • Hospital | • Telephone Exchange |
| • Hostel | • Tourist Places |
| • Library | • Government Offices |
| • Police Station | • Other |



Number of Buildings

