

# LEGISLATION AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

## LEGISLATION

*The following are the most significant Acts of Parliament which affect disabled people.*

Building Act 1984 Building Regulations 2000

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970

Cinematograph Acts 1909 and 1952

Companies (Employment of Disabled Persons) Regulations 1980

Disabled Persons Act 1981

Disabled Persons Employment Act 1944 (amended 1958)

Disability Discrimination Act 1995

Education Act 1944 Education Act 1980

Fire Precautions Act 1971

Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations 1997

Health and Safety at Work, etc Act 1974  
Highways Act 1980

Housing Act 1985

Licensing Acts 1961 and 1964 Theatres Acts 1843 and 1968

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

The Building Regulations 2000 as amended

The Building Regulations (Amendment) Regulations 1998

Approved Document B Fire Safety

Approved Document K Protection from falling, collision and impact

Approved Document M Access to and Use of Buildings

Approved Document N Glazing Materials and Protection

## BRITISH STANDARDS

BS 4787 Internal and External Wood Doorsets, Door Leaves and Frames

BS 5395 Stairs, Ladders and Walkways

BS 5588 Part 8: Code of Practice for Means of Escape for Disabled People

BS 5619 Design of Housing for the Convenience of Disabled People

BS 5655 Lifts and Service Lifts

BS 5776 Specification for Powered Stairlifts

BS 6180 Code of Practice for Protective Barriers in and About Buildings

BS 8300 Design of Buildings and the Approaches to meet the needs of Disabled People

# PUBLICATIONS

**Access for Disabled Persons to Educational Buildings.** *Design Note 18.* - Secretary of State for Education and Science

**Access Audits: a guide and checklists for appraising the accessibility of public buildings**  
CAE, 1999

Comprising guidance notes, audit checklists and a copy of *Designing for Accessibility* (see below), the Access Audits pack is a useful tool for assessing the current accessibility and usability of buildings by disabled people.

Available price £20.00 including post and packing from CAE (see Organisations).

**Access to ATMs: UK design guidelines**

CAE, 1999

Guidance for those who design, install and operate ATMs, based on ergonomic research.

Available price £10.00 including post and packing from CAE (see Organisations).

**Bringing the DDA to Life for Small Shops: improving access to goods and services for disabled customers**

DfEE, 2000

Series of four booklets with information for service providers about the DDA and each featuring a case study of a small business:

1 Hairdressing salon

2 Cafe

3 Newsagents

4 Clothes shop

Available free of charge from the DDA Helpline (see Organisations).

**Building Sight**

by Peter Barker, Jon Barrick, Rod Wilson  
HMSO in association with the Royal National Institute for the Blind  
RNIB, 1995

A handbook of building and interior design solutions to include the needs of visually impaired people.

Available price £25.00 including post and packing from RNIB Customer Services, tel 08457 023153.

**Designing for Accessibility: an essential guide for public buildings**

CAE, 1999

A guide to designing buildings which are accessible to people with a range of disabilities; also useful for adapting existing buildings.

Available price £15.00 including post and packing from CAE (see Organisations).

**Disability Discrimination Act 1995: Code of Practice: Rights of Access, Goods, Facilities, Service and Premises**

DfEE

The Stationery Office, 1999

Deals with the duties placed by Part III of the DDA on those providing goods, facilities or services to the public and those selling, letting or managing premises. (A separate code has been published for use in Northern Ireland.)

Available price £12.95 from The Stationery Office or on the internet at [www.disability.gov.uk](http://www.disability.gov.uk)

**Disability Discrimination Act 1995: An Introduction for Small and Medium-sized Businesses**

DfEE, 1999

Explains existing and new duties on service providers under Part III of the DDA.

Available free of charge from the DDA Helpline (see Organisations) or on the internet at [www.disability.gov.uk](http://www.disability.gov.uk)

**Easy Access to Historic Properties**

English Heritage, 1995

Guidance in relation to achieving access in historic buildings.

Available free of charge from English Heritage, tel 01793 414911.

**Open for Business: a best practice guide on access**

by David Bonnett and Patrick Tolfree

Employers' Forum on Disability and The Bucknall Group

Guide on better access for disabled customers.

Available price £13.00 (£10.00 members) from Employers' Forum on Disability (see Organisations).

**Tourism for All: providing accessible visitor attractions**

by Bob Donaldson

English Tourist Board, 1994

Designing access that allows more people to get at and enjoy visitor attractions.

Available price £5.00 including post and packing from CAE (see Organisations).

**Widening the Eye of the Needle: access to churches for people with disabilities**

by John Penton

Church House Publishing, 1999

Focuses on the alteration and operation of existing churches and associated buildings but also covers new churches.

Available price £9.00 including post and packing from CAE (see Organisations).

Further information and publications on designing for people with hearing impairments and for people with sight impairments can be obtained from RNID and RNIB respectively (see Organisations).

# USEFUL CONTACTS

## Access Association

Secretary: Sue Fox  
Access Officer  
Walsall MBC  
Civic Centre  
Darwall Street  
Walsall WS1 1TP  
Tel/textphone: 01922 652010  
Fax: 01922 614210  
e-mail: foxs@walsall.gov.uk  
Website: (to follow later in 2000)

Supports access professionals through the exchange of knowledge and experience.

## British Council for Disabled People

Litchurch Plaza  
Litchurch Lane  
Derby  
DE24 8AA  
Tel: 01332 295551  
Fax: 01332 295580  
Minicom: 01332 295581  
e-mail: general@bcodp.org.uk

## Centre for Accessible Environments

Nutmeg House  
60 Gainsford Street  
London SE1 2NY  
Tel/minicom: 020 7357 8182  
Fax: 020 7357 8183  
e-mail: info@cae.org.uk  
Website: www.cae.org.uk

Provides technical information, training and consultancy in making buildings accessible to disabled and older people and advice on technical aspects of implementing the requirements of the DDA.

## DDA Helpline

DDA Help  
FREEPOST  
MIDO 2164  
Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 9BR  
Live Operator: 08457 622 633  
Textphone: 08457 622 644  
Automated: 08457 622 688  
e-mail: ddahelp@stra.sitel.co.uk  
Website: www.disability.gov.uk

For information and advice concerning all aspects of the implementation of the DDA.

All DDA-related publications, including the Code of Practice: Rights of Access, Goods, Facilities, Services and Premises can be downloaded from the website.

## Disabled Living Foundation

380-384 Harrow Road  
London W9 2HU  
Tel: 020 7289 6111  
Fax: 020 7226 2922  
e-mail: advice@dlf.org.uk  
Website: www.dlf.org.uk

Provides information on aids and equipment that help disabled people with their daily lives. It administers a comprehensive database of products that can be used by disabled people in public buildings.

## Employers' Forum on Disability

Nutmeg House  
60 Gainsford Street  
London SE1 2NY  
Tel/minicom: 020 7403 3020  
Fax: 020 7403 0404  
e-mail: efd@employers-forum.co.uk  
Website: www.employers-forum.co.uk

Membership organisation which supports employers to work with disabled people as employees, customers and partners.

## HACVS

Harvest House  
53/55 North Street  
Horsham  
West Sussex RH12 1RN  
Tel: 01403 255277  
Fax: 01403 248700  
e-mail: hacvs@btinternet.com

## JMU Access Partnership

224 Great Portland Street  
London W1N 6AA  
Tel: 020 7391 2002  
Fax: 020 7387 7109  
e-mail: jmu@rnib.org.uk  
Website: www.rnib.org.uk/jmu

Provided jointly by The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and RNIB, a pan-disability consultancy working to provide inclusive environments. Services include access audits, design appraisals, education and training, information, electronic wayfinding, publications and research.

# USEFUL CONTACTS

## National Federation of Shopmobility

The Hawkins Suite  
Enham Place  
Enham Alamein  
Andover  
Hants SP11 6JS  
Tel: 0845 644 2446  
Fax: 0845 644 442  
Website: [www.justmobility.co.uk/shop](http://www.justmobility.co.uk/shop)

## National Register of Access Consultants

Nutmeg House  
60 Gainsford Street  
London SE1 2NY  
Tel: 020 7234 0434  
Minicom: 020 7357 8182  
Fax: 020 7357 8183  
email: [marynoble@nrac.org.uk](mailto:marynoble@nrac.org.uk)  
Website: [www.nrac.org.uk](http://www.nrac.org.uk)

A project of the Centre for Accessible Environments in collaboration with the Joint Mobility Unit.

## RADAR

12 City Forum  
250 City Road  
London EC1V 8AF  
Tel: 020 7250 3222  
Minicom: 020 7250 4119  
Fax: 020 7250 0212  
e-mail: [radar@radar.org.uk](mailto:radar@radar.org.uk)  
Website: [www.radar.org.uk](http://www.radar.org.uk)

Provides information on the needs of disabled people and consultancy services.

## Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB)

224 Great Portland Street  
London W1N 6AA  
Tel: 020 7388 1266  
Fax: 020 7388 2034  
e-mail: [helpline@rnib.org.uk](mailto:helpline@rnib.org.uk)  
Website: [www.rnib.org.uk](http://www.rnib.org.uk)

Help, advice and support for people with serious sight impairments and offers consultancy on issues such as colour contrast.

## Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID)

19-23 Featherstone Street  
London EC1Y 8SL  
Tel: 020 7296 8000  
Minicom: 020 7296 8001  
Fax: 020 7296 8199  
e-mail: [helpline@rnid.org.uk](mailto:helpline@rnid.org.uk)  
Website: [www.rnid.org.uk](http://www.rnid.org.uk)

Provides consultancy on the environmental needs of people with hearing impairments.

## Disability Rights Commission

DRC Helpline, FREEPOST, MID02164  
Stratford upon Avon, CV37 9BR  
Tel: 08457 622 633  
Textphone: 08457 622 644  
Fax: 08457 778 878  
Email: [enquiry@drc-gb.org](mailto:enquiry@drc-gb.org)  
Web Site: [www.drc-gb.org](http://www.drc-gb.org)

## Access officers and local access groups

Many local authorities employ access officers (usually within the planning or building control departments) who perform an advisory role often on an inter-departmental basis. Contact details should be listed in your local telephone directory.

Local access groups represent the access need of disabled people in their locality. RADAR (see Organisations above) maintains a list of access groups across the UK.