

Accessibility is a *basic right!*

SO WHY ARE BARRIERS A FACT OF LIFE FOR MANITOBANS WITH DISABILITIES?

Most of the barriers faced by persons with a disability violate protections set out in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Canadian and Manitoba Human Rights Codes. That's right – accessibility is a human right. What we need is a more effective way to enforce these rights.

Barrier-Free Manitoba is a non-partisan, non-profit, cross-disability initiative. We believe that the time has come for the Province of Manitoba to enact strong and effective legislation that requires the removal of existing barriers and prevents the creation of new ones.

- ✓ We believe that enacting such legislation is a matter of basic human rights.
- ✓ We believe that the removal of barriers is an entirely realistic and attainable goal.
- ✓ We believe that the removal of barriers is good basic public policy that will benefit everyone.
- ✓ We believe that enacting such legislation is about doing what is right and doing what is reasonable.

In 2005, Ontario enacted legislation that will make the province barrier-free by 2025. The law was passed unanimously with all-party support.

Manitobans with disabilities deserve no less.
Help Make Manitoba Barrier-Free!

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INFORMATION:
www.barrierfreemb.com

FOUR SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP! (checkmark the boxes)

- YES!** I endorse the call for accessibility-rights legislation
- Tell us of the barriers you face every day:** The attitudes of others Accessing/moving around buildings Getting/sharing information Education/training Employment/Getting a job Healthcare Having enough money/finances Getting services from government Housing Adequate support to live in the community Shopping and going to restaurants Transportation/getting around town Enabling people to leave institutions Supports to families as caregivers Assistive technology & devices Child care issues

3. Your Name: _____
City/Town: _____
Telephone: _____
email: _____

Please check all that apply:

- I am a person with a disability
- Close family member has disability
- I have a friend with a disability
- I work with/for persons with a disability
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