

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ RELATED LINKS

The following websites offer a multitude of information that you may find useful in planning your trip to Minneapolis:

Access-Able Travel Source - [www.access-able.com/](http://www.access-able.com/)

Accessible Minnesota - [www.accessminnesota.org](http://www.accessminnesota.org)

Americans with Disabilities Act - [www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm)

Crown Theatres - [www.crowntheatres.com/theatres/minnea\\_block\\_e.html](http://www.crowntheatres.com/theatres/minnea_block_e.html)

Deafblind Information - [www.deafblindinfo.org](http://www.deafblindinfo.org)

Guthrie Theater Access Programs - [www.guthrietheater.org/act\\_II/access.htm](http://www.guthrietheater.org/act_II/access.htm)

Hennepin Theatre District Accessibility Services -  
[www.hennepintheatredistrict.org/servicesd.asp](http://www.hennepintheatredistrict.org/servicesd.asp)

Housecalls Network - [www.housecalls-network.com](http://www.housecalls-network.com)

Interpreter Referral - [www.interpreterreferral.org](http://www.interpreterreferral.org)

Metro Mobility - [www.metromobility.org](http://www.metromobility.org)

Metrodome FAQs - [www.msfc.com/faq\\_view.cfm](http://www.msfc.com/faq_view.cfm)

Minneapolis Convention Center - [www.mplsconvctr.org/pages/planning/accessibility.asp](http://www.mplsconvctr.org/pages/planning/accessibility.asp)

Minnesota Department of Human Services -  
[www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/disabilities/documents/pub/dhs/disabilities.hcsp](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/disabilities/documents/pub/dhs/disabilities.hcsp)

Minnesota Disability Law Center - [www.mndlc.org/index.cfm?pagename=homepage](http://www.mndlc.org/index.cfm?pagename=homepage)

Minnesota State Council on Disability - [www.disability.state.mn.us/index.html](http://www.disability.state.mn.us/index.html)

MSP Airport Accessibility Guide - [www.msairport.com](http://www.msairport.com)

Open the Outdoors - [www.dnr.state.mn.us/open\\_outdoors/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/open_outdoors/index.html)

Target Center Disability Services - [www.targetcenter.com/Disability%20Services.aspx](http://www.targetcenter.com/Disability%20Services.aspx)

TCDeaf.com - [www.tcdeaf.com](http://www.tcdeaf.com)

VSA arts of Minnesota - <http://mn.vsarts.org>

# ACCESSIBLE HOTELS RATING SYSTEM

## PARKING

**Excellent:** Disability parking in connected ramp with accessible route to hotel

**Good:** Disability parking in a separate ramp or surface lot within 50 feet of the hotel

**Average:** Disability parking in a separate ramp or surface lot within 100 feet of the hotel and close to a bus/train stop

**Poor:** Disability parking in surface lot within 150 feet of the hotel and not close to a bus/train stop

**No Access:** No disability parking or bus/train stop

## ENTRANCE

**Excellent:** Automatic door opener

**Good:** One door, easy to open manually

**Average:** Two doors, more difficult to open manually

**Poor:** Two doors, difficult to open with a confined space between doors

**No Access:** Steps or other obstructions at entrance

## REGISTRATION DESK

**Excellent:** Functional service area no higher than 36" above the floor and 36" wide

**Good:** Functional service area no higher than 36" above the floor and 24" wide

**Average:** Functional service area no higher than 36" above the floor and less than 24" wide

**Poor:** Makeshift writing service near registration desk no higher than 36"

**No Access:** No accessible registration area

## **PUBLIC RESTROOMS**

**Excellent:** Auto door opener or no door, two or more wheelchair-accessible stalls, grab bars by the toilet, lowered accessories, levered handles on sink and Braille on the door

**Good:** One door to open, one wheelchair-accessible stall, grab bars by the toilet, lowered accessories, levered handles on sink and Braille on the door

**Average:** Two doors to open, one accessible stall, grab bars by toilet, lowered accessories, levered handles on sink and Braille on the door

**Poor:** Two doors to open, one wider stall at least 36," no grab bars, no levered handles on sink and no Braille on door

**No Access:** Steps or hallway too narrow for wheelchair user or no accessible stall

## **INTERIOR**

**Excellent:** Hard floor with lots of space to move around and rugs that have been secured

**Good:** Tightly woven carpet with adequate space

**Average:** Low pile carpeted floor with too much furniture

**Poor:** Plush carpet and/or too much furniture

**No Access:** Steps or other obstructions leading to interior

## **ROOM SECURITY**

**Excellent:** Proximity cards will open door from two feet away

**Average:** A card will need to be inserted in card box on door hardware, a corner of the card can be altered to indicated direction of card insert

**Poor:** A card will need to be inserted in card box above door hardware; the card can't be altered to indicate direction of insert

## **ROOM ACCESS**

**Excellent:** Room is spacious with at least 36" of clearance around the entire bed

**Average:** Rooms is somewhat spacious with 36" of clearance on one side of the bed

**Poor:** Room is tight with less than 36" of clearance on the sides of the bed

**No Access:** Room will not accommodate a wheelchair user

## **BATHROOM ACCESS**

**Excellent:** Bathroom is spacious, transfer space is provided, toilet is between 17" and 20" tall, grab bars at side of toilet and in shower, roll-under sink, roll-in shower with fold-down bench and lowered accessories

**Good:** Bathroom is less spacious but good, less transfer space is provided, toilet is between 17" and 20" tall, grab bars at side of toilet and in roll-in shower or bathtub, roll-under sink, roll-in shower with fold-down seat or bathtub with seat and lowered accessories

**Average:** Bathroom is adequate for space, transfer space is minimal, toilet is between 17" and 20 " tall, grab bars at side of toilet and in roll-in shower or bathtub, roll-under sink, bathtub provided or shower with no seat and lowered accessories

**Poor:** Bathroom space is tight, transfer space is inadequate, toilet is less than 17" tall, grab bars are inadequate, space is tight under sink, bathtub only and accessories are mounted high

**No Access:** Steps or other obstructions into bathroom

## **DEAF/HOH ACCESS**

Is there a visual alarm system in the room?

Can the visual alarm system be seen in all areas and rooms?

Is there visual notification for incoming calls and door knocks?

Do the telephones have volume control?

Is there an outlet within four feet of the telephone for the TTY?

Does TV in room have captioning ability?

## **BLIND/LV ACCESS**

Do the hotel rooms have Braille room numbers provided?

Is lighting sufficient in hallways and room?

Is there a location to relieve a guide dog?

# ACCESSIBLE DINING RATING SYSTEM

## PARKING

**Excellent:** Three disability parking spaces within 50 feet

**Good:** Two disability parking spaces within 100 feet

**Average:** One disability parking space within 150 feet or close to a bus/train stop

**Poor:** One disability parking space beyond 150 feet or not close to a bus/train stop

**No Access:** No disability parking spaces, not close to a bus/train stop or valet parking

## ENTRANCE

**Excellent:** Automatic door opener

**Good:** One door, easy to open manually

**Average:** Two doors to open manually, difficult

**Poor:** Two doors to open manually in a confined area or with difficult turn

**No Access:** Steps or other obstructions at entrance

## FURNITURE

**Excellent:** Primarily a mix of low tables with some high tables and booths

**Good:** Primarily a mix of low and high tables

**Average:** Low tables and booths

**Poor:** High tables and booths only

**No Access:** Raised booths and high tables

## RESTROOMS

**Excellent:** Auto door opener or no door, two or more wheelchair-accessible stalls, raised toilet 17" to 20" tall, grab bars by the toilet, lowered accessories, levered handles on sink and Braille on the door

**Good:** One door to open, one wheelchair-accessible stall, raised toilet 17" to 20" tall, grab bars by the toilet, lowered accessories, levered handles on sink and Braille on the door

**Average:** Two doors to open, one wheelchair-accessible stall, raised toilet 17" to 20" tall, grab bars by toilet, lowered accessories, levered handles on sink and Braille on the door

**Poor:** Door swings toward you, one 36" wider stall, raised toilet 17" to 20" tall, no grab bars, no levered handles and no Braille on the door

**No Access:** Steps or hallway too narrow for wheelchair user or no accessible stall

## **INTERIOR**

**Excellent:** Hard floor with lots of space to move around, including 36" between tables

**Good:** Tightly woven carpet with adequate space and at least 36" between tables

**Average:** Carpeted floor with barely adequate space

**Poor:** Multi-level dining area or no ramp to bar area

**No Access:** Stairs to dining area

## **DEAF/HOH ACCESS**

Is interior well lit for people who communicate in sign language?

Is there a TTY available?

Captioning on TVs?

## **BLIND/LV ACCESS**

Braille menus?

Braille signs on restroom doors?

Good lighting?