

# MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER

In 2002, a major expansion brought the entire Convention Center up to current ADA standards. In fact, the building received the Minnesota Access Achievement Award, presented by the Minnesota Society of Architects, for its attention to disability access. Here are just some of the reasons why.

**Elevators** – There are three elevators in the Convention Center, all equipped with Braille designation at the cabin controls and on the door jambs. The highest controls are 44 inches. There is an auditory signal at each level, and each elevator will accommodate two scooters or wheelchairs.

**Signage** – Informational and directional signage is located overhead. Signs indicating meeting rooms and restrooms are on the walls adjacent to the doorways and have Braille designation.

**Meeting rooms** – All meeting rooms are wheelchair accessible. Doors are typically kept open during meetings and all doors have lever handles.

**Restrooms** – Wheelchair accessible restrooms are available on all levels of the Convention Center. There is one wheelchair accessible stall in each restroom designated as such. The setup of facilities within each of the toilet stalls varies between restrooms. All restrooms have faucets with push controls.

**Telephones and alarm system** – Public phones are located on all levels throughout the Convention Center and accommodate wheelchair access. There are handsets with volume controls at each bank of public phones. A TDD is located on Level One. Additionally, the alarm system in the Convention Center has both auditory and visual

components. Convention Center staff will direct attendees in the event of an emergency.

**Parking and skyway** – Parking is located in the open lot and parking garage near the Convention Center. Access is gained off of Third Avenue South. There are also 11 accessible parking lots and ramps within two blocks of the Convention Center. Plus, the skyway from the Convention Center to most downtown hotels is entirely enclosed and there are power doors along the route.

**Auditorium** – The state-of-the-art auditorium at the Minneapolis Convention Center features wheelchair seating in various locations and sound enhancement tools are also available.

**Drinking fountains** – There are numerous drinking fountains throughout the facility and high-lo fountains at all locations.