



## Deliver Inclusivity: Easy Wins for Event Organisers

### Key Considerations for Outdoor Events

- 1. **Terrain and environment:** Outdoor events can be held on a variety of terrains, including grass, sand, or gravel, which can make it difficult for individuals with mobility impairments to navigate. Event organisers should consider the terrain and provide accessible pathways, ramps, and seating areas to accommodate attendees with disabilities.*
- 2. **Weather conditions:** Outdoor events are subject to weather conditions, which can pose challenges for attendees with disabilities. For example, individuals with mobility impairments may have difficulty navigating through muddy or snowy conditions. Event organisers should consider the weather conditions and provide accommodations such as covered areas or heating lamps to ensure the comfort and safety of all attendees.*
- 3. **Accessible parking and transportation:** Outdoor events often require attendees to park in remote areas or walk long distances to reach the event. It is important to provide accessible parking options and transportation services to ensure that attendees with disabilities can access the event without difficulty.*
- 4. **Communication and signage:** Outdoor events can be noisy and crowded, making it difficult for individuals with hearing or visual impairments to navigate the event. Event organisers should provide clear signage, maps, and communication aids such as amplified sound systems or visual alerts to ensure that all attendees can navigate the event.*
- 5. **Emergency preparedness:** Outdoor events can present unique challenges in terms of emergency preparedness. Event organisers should develop emergency plans that take into account the needs of attendees with disabilities, including accessible evacuation routes and plans for individuals with mobility or sensory impairments.*

### Accessible Pathways

Here are some tips for creating accessible pathways and ensuring they are well-maintained and free of obstacles:

- 1. **Width:** Ensure that the pathways are wide enough to accommodate individuals who use mobility aids such as wheelchairs or walkers. The minimum recommended width is 1.5 meters, but wider pathways are preferable.*
- 2. **Surface:** The surface of the pathway should be smooth and firm to allow for easy navigation. Avoid using materials that can be difficult for individuals with mobility impairments, such as gravel, sand, or loose paving stones.*
- 3. **Slope:** Avoid steep slopes or changes in elevation on the pathway, as this can be difficult for individuals with mobility impairments to navigate. The recommended slope is no more than 1:20.*
- 4. **Obstacles:** Ensure that the pathway is free of obstacles such as debris, rocks, or low-hanging branches. Make sure that signage or any other features are placed at an appropriate height that will not interfere with someone's line of sight or access to the pathway.*
- 5. **Maintenance:** Regularly inspect and maintain the pathways to ensure that they remain in good condition. Repair any cracks or uneven surfaces promptly, and ensure that the pathway remains free of obstacles.*



## Shade and shelter

- 1. Protection from sun and heat:** *Outdoor events often take place during hot weather, and exposure to excessive heat and sun can be particularly dangerous for individuals with disabilities. Providing shade and shelter can help prevent heat exhaustion, sunburn, and other heat-related health issues.*
- 2. Sensory sensitivities:** *Some individuals with disabilities may have sensory sensitivities, and exposure to direct sunlight or loud noise can be overwhelming. Providing shade and shelter can help create a calmer environment, reducing sensory overload and making it easier for individuals to participate in the event.*
- 3. Mobility impairments:** *Individuals with mobility impairments may need to rest or take breaks more frequently, and providing shade and shelter can offer a place for them to do so comfortably. Additionally, some individuals may use mobility aids such as wheelchairs or walkers, which can be difficult to navigate in direct sunlight or on uneven surfaces.*
- 4. Inclusion:** *By providing shade and shelter, event organisers can demonstrate their commitment to creating an inclusive event that welcomes all attendees, regardless of their abilities.*

## Accessible Restrooms

*To ensure that the event is accessible to everyone, it's important to provide accessible restrooms and handwashing facilities that are located throughout the event area and clearly marked.*

*Outdoor events may have unique challenges when it comes to providing accessible restrooms and handwashing facilities, particularly if they are held in areas without access to running water or electricity. However, providing portable toilets that are wheelchair accessible and equipped with handwashing stations can help ensure that all attendees have access to the facilities they need.*

**Want more advice?** For a detailed consultation or specific advice about making your event more accessible and inclusive, reach out to:

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