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About the campaign for accessible hotels

Find out more about the campaign for accessible hotels, why they are important, and what we're campaigning for.



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Equality is just a few steps away, so what are we waiting for?

Most people look forward to trips away. The excitement and anticipation of seeing somewhere new and staying somewhere nice. But what if you can't stay somewhere nice? What if you can't stay somewhere local? What if you can't stay anywhere at all?

The needs of the vast majority of disabled people are overlooked when it comes to making hotels as accessible as they ought to be. Standard disabled access rooms simply don't cut it, resulting in prospective disabled guests being deterred or more at risk of accidents due to inadequate facilities.

Before you know it, trips away aren't so exciting. Hotels aren't that relaxing, and the whole event becomes a source of stress. It shouldn't be this way, and it doesn't have to be.

The Accessible Hotels campaign aims to have an Accessible Hotel in every major town and city, offering flexibility for disabled people who are travelling and need somewhere to stay.

Who needs Accessible Hotels?

There are over 11 million disabled people in Britain – 40,000 of these have profound and multiple learning disabilities. This includes people who have severe mobility issues whether it be through genetic disorders like muscular dystrophy, or from serious accidents that have resulted in brain or spine damage.

These individuals, along with their families and carers, deserve to have Accessible Hotels across the country. They should be able to travel and plan trips without having to worry about subpar facilities and equipment. They should feel the same luxury and relaxation that other guests feel when they check into hotels.

What are Accessible Hotels?

Accessible Hotels are an evolution of normal hotels. Although we do recognise the previous efforts of hotels to include disabled access rooms, these are only functional for a select few of the disabled community. We want Accessible Hotel rooms to be installed and include:

1. The right equipment; a hoist and height-adjustable adult-sized changing bench.
2. Adequate space; enough space for the individual and a carer in the bathroom.
3. Bathing equipment; a level access shower or walk-in bath and height adjustable features.

Everyone deserves and needs a holiday, but at the moment there aren't enough destinations for disabled people to visit. The reason? There aren't enough accessible hotel and bed and breakfast rooms with patient hoists and other equipment.



Why should venues become Accessible Hotels?

Hotel rooms need to meet the needs of their customers. By taking a couple of steps in the right direction, hotels could be helping impaired people feel more included in their environment by allowing them to travel throughout the country without worrying about how well they will be able to move in their hotel rooms.

Without Accessible Hotels, disabled people are at more risk of accidents in the hotel when trying to move around. What is the alternative? Should they limit their travelling so that they do not have to book into hotels? Should they keep driving past even though they're tired and have been on the road all day? Should they just stay at home?

With Accessible Hotels, this will no longer be an issue.

What are we wanting to achieve?

The Accessible Hotels campaign wants to see an Accessible Hotel in every major town and city across the UK. We want the disabled population to travel around the country – whether it's for business or pleasure – without having to worry about where they can stay that will cater to their needs.

Accessible Hotel rooms should be provided in addition to disabled access rooms.



How you can help

- Spread the word on social media **#AccessibleHotels**
- Pass this leaflet on to a hotel in your town or city
- Campaign for Accessible Hotels in your area

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