

## What is Footpath Trading?



Providing better access to your business will increase your customer base and assist you to meet your legal responsibilities. By following this Access Checklist your outdoor dining spaces will welcome **everyone**<sup>1</sup> including people with disability, older people and parents with prams.

1. Kerb ramps and other walkways are not blocked by our footpath trading Y  N
2. Our footpath trading entry (minimum 850mm wide) is: Y  N 
  - a. level with the footpath, without gaps, steps or trip hazards Y  N
  - OR
  - b. via a ramp. For ramps exceeding 1900mm in length, maximum gradient of 1:14, with handrails on both sides (1000mm unobstructed width between handrails) Y  N
3. Our footpath trading boundary is clearly visible and distinguishable from the pedestrian footpath (ie bright colour and high contrast) Y  N
4. Our footpath trading boundary has a barrier on the outer edge to prevent customers from accidentally falling off or exiting into traffic (ie kerb, screens, handrails, planter boxes) Y  N
5. People using a wheelchair or mobility aid (ie walking frame, crutches) can enter, turn around (minimum 1500mm) and sit at a table, with leg clearance (minimum 800-840mm from ground level) Y  N
6. Our footpath trading floor surface is level, firm and slip resistant in wet and dry conditions Y  N
7. I know where the closest accessible (disabled) toilet is located, so I can inform our customers (if not located onsite) Y  N

### References:

[The 'tradies' and renovators guide to good access – Access for all made easy.](#) Practical information about access improvements to the built environment to meet the varying access needs of people, including links to relevant disability legislation, standards and codes.

[Good Access is Good Business Guide – A guide for business.](#) Provides information and access tips for businesses on how to improve access for their customers.

[Disability Discrimination Act \(DDA\) 1992.](#) Under the DDA, businesses must offer a person with disability the same access to goods, services and facilities as everyone.

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<sup>1</sup> Almost 20% of Australia's population has one or more disabilities (ABS, 2015). The percentage is much higher, if you include older people who may acquire disability as part of the ageing process or people with temporary disabilities such as a sporting injury or serious illnesses.