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Checklist for Accessible Indoor Surfaces

Features of Accessible Indoor Surfaces	How does our building compare?	Determine next steps and timing
What are the flooring surfaces like? ➢ All flooring materials are stable, firm, level and slip-resistant. No flooring has a strong or bold design or pattern. If there is carpeting, the pile is low and does not impede wheel movement or catch as people move over it. ➢ Any transitions between flooring types are flush. If there is a height difference, it is minimal, and the transition is beveled. ➢ The materials are matte finish to minimize glare and reflection. ➢ The colours of the flooring are contrasted to adjacent wall surfaces and vertical elements. Different flooring colours are similar in tone to visually read as being on the same plane.		
Are tactile warning indicators installed properly? ➢ Anytime there is a change in slope or elevation in the flooring, tactile warning indicators are installed to tactiley and visually indicate that a hazard is ahead. These grids of truncated domes are installed along the path of travel to indicate a set of stairs or ramp or edge of platform, for example. ➢ Tactile directional indicators can accompany these. These strips are installed in the direction of travel to provide information about the direction of travel.		
Are durable materials used? ➢ High-traffic areas use durable materials such as high-impact wallboard to reduce long-term maintenance costs of the property. ➢ Carpet tiles along paths of travel are easier to replace than broad carpets.		

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Are interior finishes chosen carefully? ➢ Counters and horizontal surfaces are colour contrast to adjacent walls and flooring below. They are matte finished to reduce glare and reflection. ➢ Their corners are rounded to minimize impact on contact.		
Is there a maintenance plan to keep the areas accessible? ➢ The flooring is regularly maintained to be clean and free of debris.		

Note: This checklist presents suggestions for consideration. Consult with local authorities as well as agencies and governing bodies responsible for accessibility before planning for accessibility.

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