

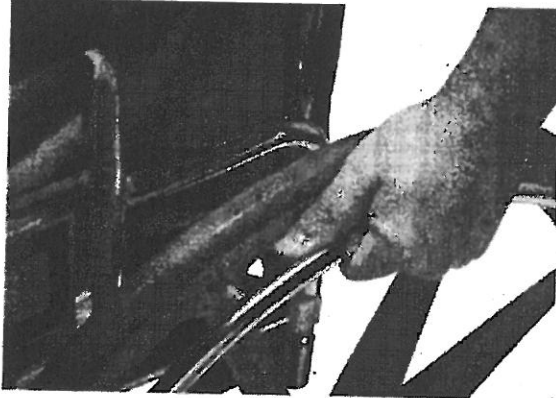
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## Accessibility in Bermuda

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Accessibility is not how it should be in Bermuda. As a person who uses a wheelchair, I am not physically able to get into certain public places like stores, hotels and some restaurants unless I have assistance. I remember when my church held a conference at The Fairmont Southampton Princess. Every time we went to eat I had to go through the kitchen to get to the Dining Room. I think that all public areas in Bermuda should be made accessible with ramps, elevators and flat surfaces for seniors and wheelchair users.



I think that accessibility is an issue that needs to be dealt with. The reason why I think that every public place should be accessible is because people that are not able to walk are sometimes at a disadvantage, rather than someone that can walk. Unfortunately we seem to miss out on things such as going to restaurants, jobs, job qualifications, family parties, education (school) and fun places. Many people are denied the right to work in any career of their choice or to go to a regular school. Instead, some people have to go to a special school or a special job, just because they are not able to get around freely. Everyone should be able to go to any job or school of their choice, despite them not being able to walk.

I hope that this article that I have written changes the way accessibility is for the people of Bermuda and that seniors and wheelchair users will be able to get around easily. I also hope that I have addressed all of the issues that wheelchair users and seniors go through and that it makes a difference that will benefit them and others in the future.



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