

## Section B – Accessible Built Environment

### 5. Common accessible elements for outdoor and indoor areas

#### 5.1. Accessible path of travel

Accessible paths of travel shall present the following characteristics:

1. The width of the path free of obstacles should be enough to allow all pedestrians foreseen in all directions; considering 1000 mm per each simultaneous pedestrian. It shall be always more than 2000 mm and no one obstacle can reduce it to less than 1200 mm.
2. The accessible path shall be linear and continued, while avoiding direction changes between pedestrian crossings.
3. All intersections shall be clearly visible and defined with safety and traffic control elements such as signs or lights. Pedestrian crossings shall be clearly distinguished from the road with contrasted colour marks.
4. In pedestrian crossings, when there is a height change, curb cuts shall be provided following the requirements of section 6.3.
5. The maximum permitted gradient for a running slope in accessible paths is 5%.
6. The clear headroom along the entire path shall be at least 2200 mm.
7. Uneven surfaces in accessible paths should be avoided and the maximum height of any irregularity shall be 5 mm.
8. The accessible path shall not have dangerous unprotected level changes. Unevenness, gaps and openings with a height difference greater than 500 mm should have guardrails.
9. Accessible paths shall be free of protruding objects like vegetation, furniture and signs.