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- ⇒ **Definitions of Accessibility terminology**
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Intent of the Chapter

- To fulfill “ACCESS ABILITY” vision.
- To ensure UAE buildings are as accessible to determined people as they are for everyone so that they can maneuver as naturally as everyone during emergencies.

1. Definitions

1.1. General

1.1.1. Shall

It is a mandatory requirement by Civil Defence.

1.1.2. Should

It is a suggested requirement recommended by Civil Defence but not mandatory.

1.1.3. Listed

Approved and registered by individual Emirates' Civil Defence material department.

1.1.4. Accessible

A site, building, a facility or portion thereof, exterior or interior, public or private spaces having features in their design and constructions that enable people with determination to maneuver easily.

1.1.5. Accessible Route

A continuous , unobstructed path that provides “accessibility” as defined above.

1.1.6. Circulation Path

An exterior or interior way of passage from one place to another for pedestrians.

1.1.7. Common Use

Interior or exterior “circulation paths”, rooms, spaces or elements that are not for public use and are made available for the shared use of two or more people.

1.1.8. Detectable Warning

A standardized surface feature built in or applied to walking surfaces or other elements to warn visually impaired persons of hazards on a circulation path.

1.1.9. Employee Work Area

All or any portion of a space used only by employees and only for work. Corridors, toilet rooms, kitchenettes and break rooms are not employee work areas.