EICC Accessibility Information

Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC) is a modern purpose built events venue and is fully accessible for people with disabilities. Additionally, the Centre staffs are equalities trained at all levels.

Dedicated accessible parking spaces are available in the Sheraton Grand Hotel car park, which neighbours the EICC: <u>www.sheratonedinburgh.co.uk/car-park</u>. In addition there is on street parking on Morrison Street at the EICC's main entrance and in surrounding streets, which is free, and without time limit for Blue Badge holders.

A disabled access sliding door is adjacent to the main entrance on Morrison Street. It is push button operated from the outside and infra-red sensor from inside. During an event this door is manned with security who can offer assistance if required.

All areas of the Centre are reached by lift. All lifts have spoken messages indicating which floor the lift is on and whether the doors are opening or closing. Additionally, all lifts have grab bars for delegate with impaired mobility.

On each floor of the Centre there are two adapted toilets, with grab rails, emergency buttons, lowered mirrors and fittings. Currently these toilets allow for either a left or a right lateral transfer, not both.

In the Pentland auditorium an Induction Loop is located in the central section of seats from row F to the rear of the auditorium. To use this, delegate should switch their hearing aids to the "T" position to hear the same sound as other delegates. Additional induction loops are installed as required.

There is a wheelchair platform lift, which can be utilised to take wheelchair users on to stages in the Lomond Suite breakout rooms, Cromdale Hall, and Strathblane Hall.

There are three spaces in the front of the Sidlaw and Fintry auditoria, which are available for wheelchair users. There are also six wheelchair spaces in the Pentland Auditorium.

The EICC has good links with the Scottish Association of Sign Language Interpreters and can provide interpreters for all conferences at a reasonable fee. Additionally, information can be passed on regarding brailing of conference information or transferring written information onto tape for any delegates with a visual impairment.

Assistance dogs are welcome.