

ACCESSIBILITY MATTERS!

UNIVERSAL SYMBOL



The most recognized symbol of accessibility is the International Symbol of Access (ISA), also known as the (International) Wheelchair Symbol. It consists of a blue square overlaid in white with a stylized image of a person in a wheelchair.

A NEW International symbol of access was designed to display an active, engaged image with focus on the person with disability. The change emphasizes the wheelchair as a ‘user’, ‘in motion’ as opposed to ‘wheelchair bound.’ The new icon has not been officially adopted by the provincial or federal government but some communities are utilizing it.

CHANGING THE PERCEPTION

The sign represents identification and is used to label designated parking spaces, restrooms, and entry ways.

So is the perception that the users are only for “people in a wheelchair?”

Is the symbol inclusive of everyone with a disability?

