

Questionnaire

How many times have you:

- seen an elevator with no braille signs marked next to the floor buttons?
- even noticed that the elevator you use in your office or apartment complex every day has or does not have braille markings in it?
- noticed whether the edges of steps are made of a different texture than the rest of the step (so that a blind person will know the step is coming to an end there)?
- wondered how hearing impaired students cope with our system of education?
- heard people tell somebody with mobility problems that a distance of hundred metres 'is very close by' or that 'there are only a few steps' when there is no ramp for easy wheel-chair access?
- seen a lecturer in a class room draw something on the board to explain something, and wondered how a blind student would follow?
- been to a party on a roof-top which necessitates that anyone coming there should climb some twenty steps even after having taken an elevator to the 'top floor', and wondered if the plight of the mobility impaired was even considered before either the party or the elevator was planned?
- seen doors that have been fitted which are not wide enough for a wheel-chair to pass through?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind ...