



# Access Nashville

## Accessibility is good business!

### How Will Being “Accessibility Friendly” Benefit a Restaurant?

- The U.S. Census Bureau’s 2002 Survey indicates that more than 1 in 6 people in the country are potential customers for businesses that are accessible.
- Tax credits may be available for expenses incurred in barrier removal if eligible. For eligibility information visit [www.accessnashville.org](http://www.accessnashville.org).
- Each restaurant receives an accessibility rating, certificate, and listing on the Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau and Access Nashville websites.

### What Access Nashville Does

Access Nashville identifies “accessibility friendly” restaurants so all persons can make comfortable decisions about where to eat in Nashville, Tennessee. It does not intend to assess compliance with the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

### How Access Nashville Works

Access Nashville is a college student training project guided by a coalition of volunteers with disabilities and representatives from the business, aging, and disability fields. Access Nashville gathers accessibility information about restaurants for customers who use wheelchairs and/or have other disabilities. The student trainees survey a restaurant in about 15 minutes and Access Nashville staff members assign an accessibility rating of “Wow,” “Good,” or “Limited.” Results are posted on the Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau and Access Nashville websites based on volunteer surveys.

### Free Accessibility Services

- Restaurants surveyed by Access Nashville may request a free Braille menu from the Center for Independent Living of Middle Tennessee (615) 292-5803.
- Free disability training is available for staff and/or technical assistance to make your restaurant more accessible. The Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau offers disability sensitivity training, (615) 259-4789. Disability awareness and technical assistance training also is offered through the Center for Independent Living of Middle Tennessee, (615) 292-5803.

### Getting Started

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