

## Housing Channel

### Title: Barrier Free Access (1)

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Presenter: To build a harmonious community

where everyone is equal

the Housing Authority (HA) has carried out work

on its estates

to improve barrier free facilities

These allow people of different ages and abilities

to move freely without physical obstacles

so their quality of life is improved

Let's take a look at these barrier free facilities

For the blind and visually impaired persons

tactile guide paths on the ground

have been installed

VO Stairs have nosing and tread in contrasting colours

with tactile warning strips at top and bottom landings

Rails have tactile signs with information in Braille

Fitted inside the lifts are

Braille tactile buttons and audible systems

For the physically immobile and wheelchair users

there are ramps

and dropped kerbs

Handrails are of standard width and shape

Easily accessible car park spaces are provided

These facilities all carry the international accessibility symbol

Such features are not limited to public housing estates

HA shopping centres

are also fitted with barrier free facilities

such as tactile guide paths for the visually impaired

as well as Braille tactile signs and

Braille layout maps

which give clear information

on the facilities available in the mall

There are visual fire alarms for the hearing impaired

service counters accessible to wheelchair users

as well as accessible toilets for them

The heights of these facilities

have been specially calibrated

Presenter: All these facilities offer people with special needs

safety and convenience when they go out

They also make every single resident

physically challenged, able-bodied, young or old

feel that everywhere is accessible

That makes for happy, comfortable lives

Super: Barrier free access

for a happy life