

# Let's Remove Barriers From Public Space Together!

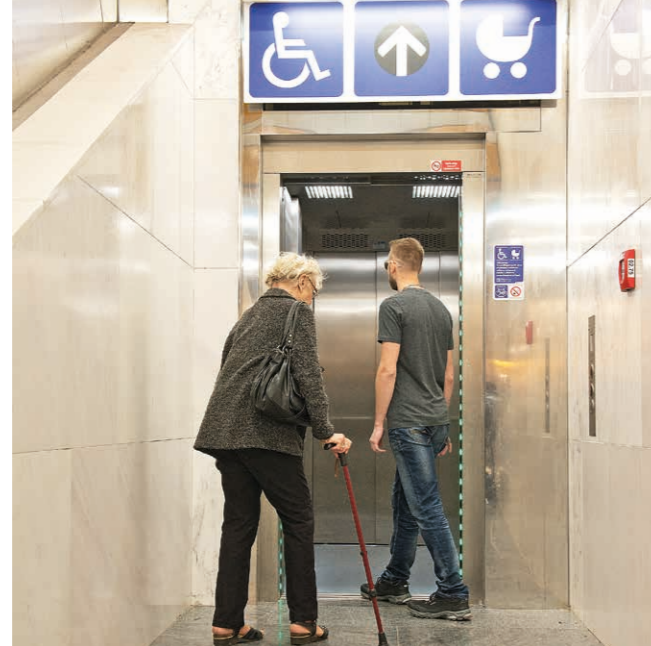
Each of us can contribute to making public space easily and safely accessible for all. How can we do that and how can we avoid mistakes?



When someone puts a luggage on the guiding line for blind and vision impaired, he unknowingly creates an obstacle for their movement alongside the boarding area in metro. As children, we used to play "the blind man's buff" – do you remember how unpleasant it was to hit an unexpected obstacle blindfolded?



Using a car for getting around various places is often absolutely necessary for wheelchair users, and reserved parking spaces are designated to help those who need them the most!



Similarly, the elevator in metro stations is designated primarily for those whose ability to move is temporarily or permanently impaired, as well as for those who travel with a stroller. As for the rest of us – do we really need to use it?



It is advisable to pay attention to your environment – particularly if you're using spaces reserved for the handicapped or for strollers.



Bikes should be parked so that they don't block the movement of others in public space – mind the guiding lines for blind and vision impaired and entrances to buildings!



The lowered curb is the only place where wheelchair users or strollers can access and use the sidewalk – any car parked incorrectly will block the way and limit general visibility when crossing the road!



Remember that the exterior of buildings are often also used as guiding lines for blind and vision impaired – a safe passage requires that at least a 150 cm-wide zone without any barriers is kept!



Cars are for roads and parking spaces – while sidewalks are for pedestrians!

Thank you for helping us develop barrier-free Prague.

## Do not hesitate to act, and we will support you!

The capital city of Prague supports pro-active municipal districts that are interested in mapping the accessibility of public buildings. Using the methodology approved by the Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic, the current situation is assessed and specific measures are suggested in order to increase the accessibility of the relevant building.

Since 2017, the Capital City of Prague has been providing **SUBSIDY** to those proprietors and operators of publicly accessible buildings who decided to go barrier-free. The purpose of the grant scheme is to make access to such buildings, as well as getting around them, easier.

The measures include, among other things, installation of elevators, platform stair lifts, fixed ramps, and an orientation and a navigation system as well as development or improvement of barrier-free public toilets.

[www.bezbarierova.praha.eu](http://www.bezbarierova.praha.eu)

[www.barrierfreeprague.eu](http://www.barrierfreeprague.eu)

Do you have suggestions or an issue to be resolved? Please let us know via the application **CHANGE IT!**

[www.zmente.to](http://www.zmente.to)

[www.changeit.cz](http://www.changeit.cz)

For more information, go to:



[www.bezbarierova.praha.eu](http://www.bezbarierova.praha.eu)  
The official web pages of the project "Barrier-Free Prague" containing the most important information and updates

[www.facebook.com/PrahaBezBarier](https://www.facebook.com/PrahaBezBarier)

The official Facebook page of the project "Barrier-Free Prague" for all fans of social networks. The page to go to for the hottest news!

[www.dpp.cz/stav-bezbarierovych-zarizeni](http://www.dpp.cz/stav-bezbarierovych-zarizeni)

Web pages of the Prague Public Transit Company providing an overview of barrier-free facilities installed at stations/stops of the Transportation System

[www.dpp.cz/bezbarierove-cestovani](http://www.dpp.cz/bezbarierove-cestovani)

Information provided by the Prague Public Transit Company on barrier-free travelling by metro, buses and trams

[www.ropid.cz/bezbarier](http://www.ropid.cz/bezbarier)

Information provided by Prague Integrated Transportation System on barrier-free travelling by metro, trams, buses, trains, the funicular and ferry boats

[www.mapapristupnosti.cz](http://www.mapapristupnosti.cz)

An interactive map of public buildings with a detailed description of their current accessibility



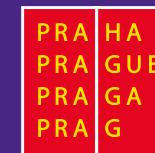
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# BARRIER-FREE PRAGUE



The capital city friendly and accessible for all



# Barrier-Free Prague For All

Means a city open and friendly to its inhabitants and visitors.

The Council of the Capital City of Prague has an advisory body which is the Commission for pedestrian transit and removal of barriers in public space. In its meetings, representatives of the city's public administration and municipal organizations regularly meet with representatives of organizations defending the interests of particularly sensitive users of public space.



**THE PROJECT "BARRIER-FREE PRAGUE"** remembers those for whom getting around the town independently and safely isn't easy.



**THE PUBLIC SPACE HAS BEEN CHANGING** – we have been working on removing barriers from streets and public buildings, in the municipal mass transit system and also in our minds – because something that goes unnoticed by most may become an obstacle for up to one third of Prague inhabitants.



**PRAGUE NOW HAS MORE:**

- **New barrier-free pedestrian road crossings** with lowered curbs and tactile elements for blind and vision impaired;
- **Traffic light operated pedestrian crossings** equipped with acoustic signaling;
- **Public buildings** owned by the Capital City of Prague **made accessible for persons with a reduced ability to move** and equipped with acoustic orientation/navigation beacons for those with limited orientation ability.

You too can help us – let's join forces in preventing the creation of new barriers by thinking about what people around us need and by behaving accordingly.

# Barrier-Free Mass Public Transportation System By 2025

is the goal of the Concept for Removal of Barriers in mass public transportation in Prague.

**EVERY YEAR:**

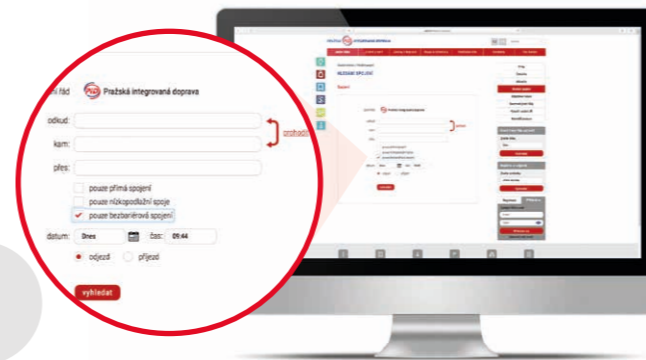
- There are more barrier-free accessible metro stations including an additional acoustic information and orientation system for blind and vision-impaired, and the gap between the boarding platform and the train wagon has been bridged with a unique system of rubber flaps;
- There are more barrier-free stops for buses, trams and ferryboats forming a part of the mass public transit system;
- There are more low-floor vehicles servicing the city in the mass transit, including the lines operated at night;
- The dual layout of the information system is being perfected, i.e., information is provided simultaneously in a visual and an acoustic form;
- Additional services for transport of persons with impaired ability to move **are maintained and constantly being developed** (a special bus line allowing for transport of several passengers on wheelchair and the "on-call" transit system);
- New technological solutions are being tested and implemented, **making the use of public mass transit easier for the blind and vision-impaired** as well as for handicapped persons in wheelchair. One of the examples of such technology is a VPN broadcasting station, thanks to which the user obtains information from a permanently installed device or can communicate with the driver of the public transportation vehicle.



**THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN PRAGUE IN 2018:**

- **38 out of 58 metro stations are fully barrier-free**, other four stations have platform stair lifts. 22 older stations had to have additional reconstruction to improve accessibility, and the City of Prague is not going to slow down in this respect – in 2018 the elevator construction at the Karlovo náměstí metro station will be launched; a project was prepared for making the metro station Opatov barrier-free.
- Out of the total number of tram stops (641) in Prague, 93 are fully barrier-free and 396 are partially accessible. Tram stops Vychovatelna, Olšanská a Náměstí Republiky will be barrier-free in 2018, and other tram stops are to be made accessible as part of the planned reconstruction of entire tram lines.

- The Prague Integrated Transportation System includes also **seven ferryboat lines across the Vltava river** – there are project plans for making all 14 riverboat harbors barrier-free. The necessary construction work will be carried out starting from 2018 onwards; certain adjustments have also been made to the boats.
- The number of guaranteed low-floor buses and trams is growing continuously – 88% of bus routes and 53% of tram routes are currently run with low-floor vehicles and the number of actual barrier-free connections is even higher. 100% of night service routes will soon be operated with low-floor vehicles.



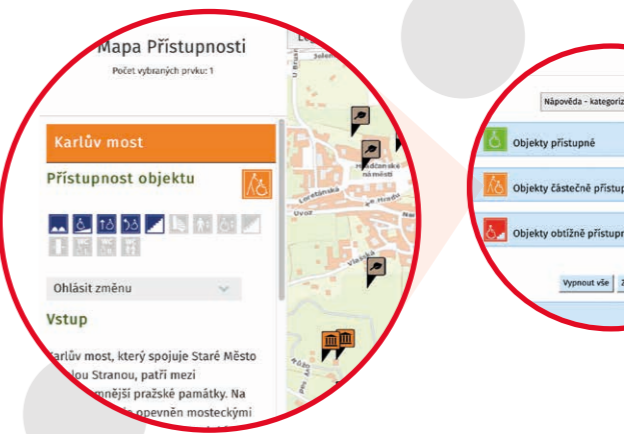
- Barrier-free transport routes using the Prague Integrated Transportation System can be searched on [www.pid.cz/hledani-spojeni](http://www.pid.cz/hledani-spojeni)
- At [www.dpp.cz/sbz](http://www.dpp.cz/sbz) you can find out about current operability of elevators and platform stair lifts installed in metro stations; regular users of barrier-free facilities can make use of the information service via SMS free of charge. For more information please go to [www.dpp.cz/bezbarierove-cestovani](http://www.dpp.cz/bezbarierove-cestovani)

# The Accessibility Map

Which museum or theater has a barrier-free entrance?

Is the office I need to visit accessible and barrier-free?

Where in Prague can I find a barrier-free coffee shop or a restaurant where I can invite my friend on a wheelchair?



- Make a quick search for details on accessibility of more than 1,400 places in Prague through your phone, tablet or computer. [www.mapapristupnosti.cz](http://www.mapapristupnosti.cz)
- The information provided includes details on barrier-free access with regard to the entrance, getting around inside, public toilets and availability of associated reserved parking spaces.
- English language version [www.pragueaccessibilitymap.cz](http://www.pragueaccessibilitymap.cz) provides the information on accessibility of **350 buildings that are most important** from the viewpoint of a foreign visitor.
- The accessibility map is continuously amended – soon it'll offer information about reserved parking spaces in Prague.

