



# ***Survey- Accessibility for people with physical disabilities***

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## ***Focus on:***

- *Entrance;*
- *Inside the building;*
- *Toilets.*



## Categories:

- \* State Institutions;
- \* Health Institutions;
- \* Cultural Institutions;
- \* Sport;
- \* Trade Centers;
- \* Transportation.



## ***State Institutions:***

- Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia;
- Government of Republic of Macedonia;
- National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia;
- Public Revenue;
- Pension and Disability Insurance Fund;
- Health Insurance Fund of R. Macedonia;
- Employment Service Agency of the R. Macedonia;

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***Assembly of R. Macedonia***



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## ***Health Insurance Fund of Macedonia***





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***Employment Service Agency of the R. Macedonia***



## ***Accessibility:***

- \* All of these institutions provide accessible entrance for people with physical disabilities;***
- \* Just 4 of these institutions have lifts and indoor ramps that provide free movement for people with disabilities within the building;***
- \* Two of these institutions provide accessible toilets for people with disabilities.***



## ***Health Institutions***

### ***Clinics from Clinical Centre- Skopje***

- University Clinic of Cardiology- Skopje***
- University Clinic of Neurology- Skopje***
- Clinic for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery- Skopje***
- University Dental Clinical Center “St. Pantelejmon”- Skopje***



***Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation-  
Skopje***

***Policlinic Chair- Skopje***

***Public Health Organization “Zelezara”- Skopje***



## ***Private Health Institutions:***

***Clinical Hospital “Sistina”- Skopje***

***General Private Hospital “Remedica”- Skopje***

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## ***Accessibility of Health Institutions***

***Accessibility in public health institutions is very limited, with ramps and in some cases elevators, but no accessible toilets.***

***Some institutions are completely not accessible.***

***Private health institutions provide better accessibility, but not full accessibility too. (Example Remedika)***



## ***Trade Centers:***

- City Trade Center;
- Trade Center Ramstore;
- Trade Center Jambo;
- Trade Center Soravia.

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***Ramp at the City Trade Center***

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## ***Accessible toilet- Jambo Mall***





## ***Accessibility:***

- \* All of the selected trade centers provide accessible entrance for people with physical disabilities.***
- \* Most of these centers have lifts and elevators that enable free movement within the building.***
- \* Only two trade centers, Soravia and Jambo have toilets with special handrails for people with physical disabilities.***



# ***Hotels***

## ***Hotels in Skopje and Ohrid***



## ***Hotels in Skopje***

- *Holiday Inn- Skopje;*
- *Continental- Skopje;*
- *Karposh- Skopje;*
- *Aleksandar Palace.*



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## *Hotels Karposh and Holiday Inn- Skopje*



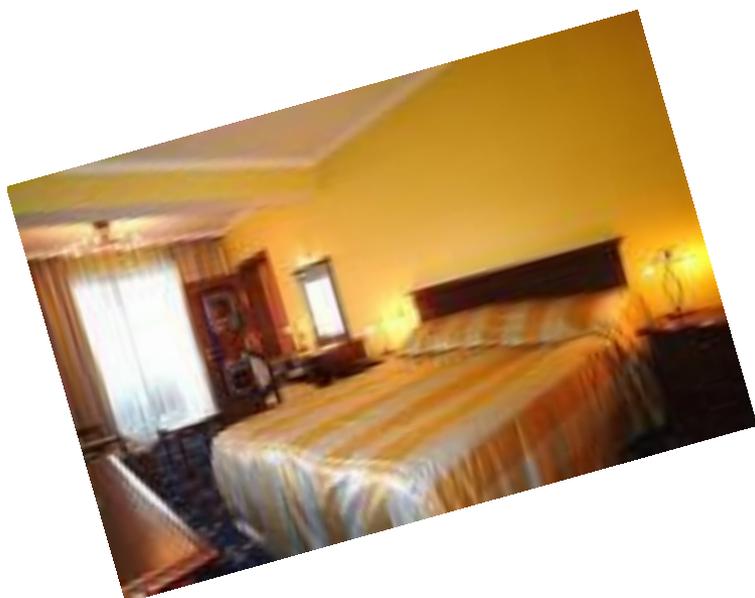


## *Hotels in Ohrid*

- *Granit;*
- *Doncho;*
- *Tino.*



# *Hotel Granit*



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## *Hotel Donco*





## ***Accessibility:***

***Hotels in Skopje and Ohrid rarely provide access for people with disabilities. In the survey we choose to include information about hotels who provide at least some access for travelers with disabilities.***



***Access inside the hotels and to other levels is provided with ramps and elevators. Only some hotels have specially designed rooms and toilets for guests with disabilities. Most of hotels provide limited access.***



## ***Cultural Institutions and Historical Monuments:***

- Drama Theatre;
- Youth Cultural Center;
- Cinema Milenium;
- Memorial House of Mother Theresa;
- *Army Hall;*
- *Square Macedonia.*

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## *Youth Cultural Center*





## *Memorial House Mother Theresa*





## ***Accessibility:***

- Very limited access to Cultural Institutions, barriers at the entrance and movement inside the buildings;
- There is no accessible toilet in the selected institutions.



## ***Sport Halls:***

- Sports Hall “Boris Trajkovski”
- Sports Hall “Partizan”
- Sports Hall “Rasadnik”
- Sports Hall “Kale”



# *Sports halls Rasadnik and Partizan*





## ***Accessibility:***

***From four sports halls included in this survey the only hall that provides access for people with physical disabilities is sports hall “Boris Trajkovski”. This hall provides access to all levels and recreational facilities. This hall also has a toilets designed for needs of people with disabilities.***



## ***Transportation:***

- Public transport in Skopje;
- National traffic transportation;
- Cable car –Vodno;
- Sidewalks in downtown Skopje.



## **Public Transportation in Skopje**

- New accessible busses in 2011;
- Service with accessible vans;
- No taxi available, with accessible cabins for wheelchair users.



## *Ramp in new busses*



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## **National Traffic Transportation**

National traffic transportation in R Macedonia it is very limited and inaccessible for people with disabilities, especially for people who use wheelchairs as aids.



- ***National bus station*** has access to platforms, but this is not very helpful because till this days there is none intercity bus who is adapted for people with disabilities.
  
- ***Railway Station in Skopje*** is inaccessible for people in wheelchairs or people who have a problem in climbing many stairs, to can reach the platforms. Macedonia Railways still does not have any car that is accessible for people with disabilities.

# *National Bus Station and Railway Station in Skopje*





***Cable Car Vodno*** provides access to people with disabilities. There is an accessible path that leads to Cable Car. The cabins are accessible as well. Because they are moveable, employees reduce the speed and manually retain the cabin as the person could safely enter the cabin.

# *Cable Car Vodno*





## ***The accessibility of sidewalks in downtown Skopje***

In capital Skopje, backwards for many years, at every reconstruction of streets is taking account of the setting lowered pavements for allowing easier mobility for people with disabilities. Very often, in the suburbs of Skopje, reconstruction of the streets shall apply the same standards.



However in this section there are gaps, so there are cases where some intersections or a traffic light in downtown Skopje does not have lowered pavements. One such example is the pedestrian crossing at Record, shown on photo below.

## ***Not accessible curb***





## **Conclusion**

- ***New vs Old Buildings;***
- ***Improvements in transportation;***
- ***Rarely toilets are accessible.***