

**Law and Society Association  
2010 Annual Meeting  
DISABLED ACCESS INFORMATION  
(see also Meeting Transportation Information)**

The Law and Society Association is committed to making the Annual Meeting accessible to all attendees, with and without disabilities. We've compiled this information to assist people with disabilities in planning their travel to/from Chicago and your time at the Meeting. If you would like to discuss your particular situation before the Meeting or have specific questions that aren't answered in this document, please contact Mary McClintock at the LSA Executive Office at 413-545-4617 or [mcclintock@lawandsociety.org](mailto:mcclintock@lawandsociety.org).

**GENERAL RESOURCES:**

Chicago has an extremely helpful and detailed accessibility guide to the city, **Easy Access Chicago**, available at <http://easyaccesschicago.org/> and in a downloadable print form from the website. It includes extensive information about hotels, restaurants, attractions, and transportation. All of the restaurants listed in Easy Access Chicago have accessible entrances, hallways, tables and restrooms. The listings include detailed information about dimensions as well as accommodations for people with mobility, visual, and hearing disabilities. The Meeting Local Arrangements committee will also create a local guide specifically for our meeting, including information about nearby restaurants and attractions.

Specific accessibility information about the Meeting hotel, the Chicago Renaissance Hotel, is available at [http://easyaccesschicago.org/access\\_info/index.php?id=51&location=Loop](http://easyaccesschicago.org/access_info/index.php?id=51&location=Loop)

Chicago has an active Independent Living Center – Access Living – and a Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities that provide information and resources for people with disabilities.

**Access Living** 115 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60610

[www.accessliving.org](http://www.accessliving.org)

Voice: (312) 640-2100; Toll free: (800) 613-8549; TTY: (312) 640-2102

**The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities**

121 North LaSalle St.

Room 1104

Chicago, IL 60602

United States

**Main:** (312) 744-7050; **Fax:** (312) 744-3314;

**TTY:** (312) 744-4964

**TRANSPORTATION:**

**ADA Friendly Services at O'Hare and Midway Airports**

The O'Hare and Midway Airport websites have specific pages with extensive information about accessibility at the airports.

See <http://www.flychicago.com/ADAFriendlyServices/home.shtm> for information.

**Taxis**

More than 20 taxi companies in Chicago currently operate wheelchair accessible minivans equipped with ramps, wheelchair securements and shoulder seat belts. To order an accessible

taxi, call the centralized dispatch service toll-free at 800-281-4466.

### **Pace Paratransit**

847-364-7223 TTY 847-364-5093 [www.pacebus.com/sub/paratransit/ADA\\_guide.asp](http://www.pacebus.com/sub/paratransit/ADA_guide.asp)

Registered paratransit riders who would like to extend their eligibility to Chicago while visiting should contact Pace Paratransit at 312-341-8000. All visitors must present documentation that they are ADA paratransit eligible for the jurisdiction in which they reside. ADA paratransit certification (with expiration date) and a photo ID should be faxed to 312-341-8050. Allow at least 1-2 weeks for processing. Pace will then issue an RTA paratransit pass good for 21 days (extendable to 30 days) and provide a list of phone numbers for the various paratransit operators. Once certified, visitors can set up arrival and departure paratransit rides, if desired, by calling 312-341-8035. Certification also allows visitors to use the Taxi Access Program.

### **Public Transportation**

#### **Chicago Transit Authority**

CTA Customer Service (including Elevator Updates) 888-968-7282 TTY 888-282-8891

[www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com)

CTA runs buses and elevated/subway trains serving the city and 40 nearby suburbs. All buses on the 154 CTA routes are equipped with lifts or ramps and securement systems. They also have an audio/visual system that uses GPS technology to automatically announce each upcoming bus stop, both audibly and on a visual display. On the rail system, most train cars have accessible doors and each train has a minimum of two accessible cars. At present 72 rail stations have elevators or ramps with additional stations being renovated on the Brown and Red lines. A list of accessible stations and those equipped with TTY phones appears on the back of the CTA Bus & Rail Map as well as online.

### **DINING, ATTRACTIONS, MUSEUMS, THEATRES, NIGHTCLUBS, RECREATION**

Easy Access Chicago ([www.easyaccesschicago.org](http://www.easyaccesschicago.org)) has a searchable database of information about accessible restaurants, museums, attractions, theatres, nightclubs and other sites of interest to visitors.