

DISABLED

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The International Symbol of Access: More Than Just a Wheelchair

The most recognized symbol for [disability](#) is the International Symbol of Access (ISA), often referred to as the wheelchair symbol. While the image depicts a person in a wheelchair, it represents a broader concept: accessibility for individuals with all types of disabilities.

Beyond Physical Disabilities:

While the wheelchair signifies physical limitations, the ISA extends to those with:

- Sensory impairments (visual, hearing)
- Cognitive or intellectual disabilities
- Mental health conditions
- Invisible disabilities (e.g., chronic pain, learning disabilities)

A Call for Inclusion:

The ISA serves as a reminder to design and build environments that accommodate everyone's needs. It's not just about wheelchair ramps; it encompasses accessible transportation, communication, information, and services.

More Than Just a [Symbol](#):

The ISA is a powerful tool for:

- Raising awareness about disability inclusion
- Advocating for accessible spaces and practices
- Promoting the social inclusion of people with disabilities

Remember:

- The ISA is not limited to designated disabled parking spots; it represents a wider movement for accessibility.
- Language around disability is evolving; avoid outdated terms like "handicapped."
- Focus on the individual, not just their disability

