

In the absence of accessibility legislation

A story about customer service to people with disabilities caught the attention of national media recently, and provided an excellent opportunity to raise a number of issues. For example:

- The difference between <u>human rights law</u>, that provides redress for individual human rights violations, and <u>accessibility law</u>, that requires organizations to move towards higher standards of inclusion and equity;
- The need for <u>accessibility legislation</u> as well as <u>human rights legislation</u> in every jurisdiction in Canada;
- The fact that Canadians with disabilities are not "worse off" than Americans with disabilities, according to a number of macro-level indicators.

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