

- Where hoardings with public viewing ports are provided, at least one viewing port should be mounted at no more than 1220 mm on center, for use by persons using mobility aids.

1.6.3 Freestanding Objects

POLICY

Freestanding objects should be located to one side of normal pedestrian routes without limiting the width of the normal route or causing a hazard to persons with visual limitations.

- Permanent objects such as bollards, bicycle racks, benches, bus shelters, newspaper vending boxes, mail boxes, hydrants, light standards etc., should all be placed to one side of designated pedestrian routes, preferably in well designed amenity strips or in planned locations or recesses that are close to active areas of use. (See also Section 1.4, Outdoor Amenities and Figure 74)

- Temporary objects such as queuing lines, sales booths, loose garbage receptacles, etc., should be located to one side of the normal pedestrian route. (See Figure 75)

- Guy wires, and other braces or supports for trees, posts etc., should be located so they do not constitute a hazard for persons with visual limitations.

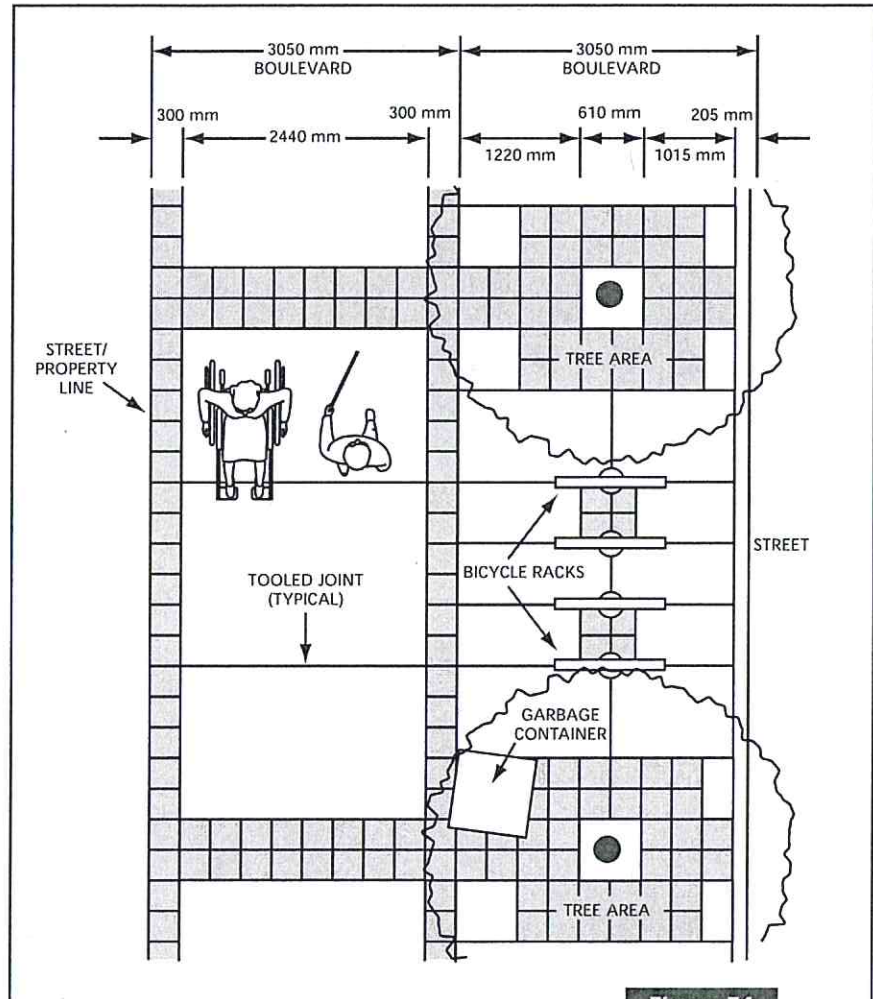


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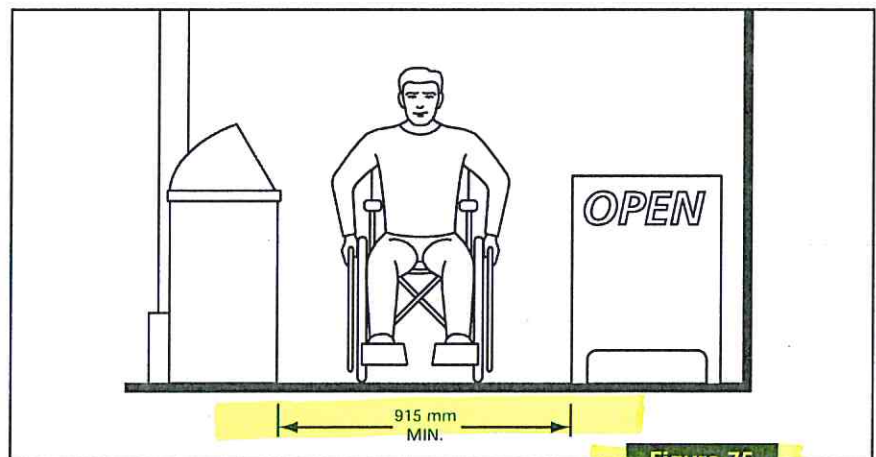


Figure 75

1.6 OTHER

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- All ramp surfaces should be firm and non-slip (e.g.: broom finish on concrete or wood decking laid perpendicular to path of travel).
- Handrails and guardrails should be continuous, smooth and well maintained. (See also Section 1.1.5, Guards and Handrails)
- Walls adjacent to ramps or stairs should be in non-abrasive finishes.
- Smooth walking surfaces are preferred. Where interlocking pavers are used, they should be laid on a firm, well-compacted backing (e.g., concrete base).
- Where paths are not cleared regularly, suitable signage should be utilized.
- All garbage containers should be emptied regularly to avoid the accumulation of extraneous garbage around the containers.
- All light bulbs along pedestrian routes should be replaced on a regular schedule, with lamps (of the same wattage) for which they were designed.
- All gates, closers, automatic door operators, porch lifts, automatic ticket machines or other essential equipment should be inspected and well maintained on a regular schedule.

1.6.9 Obstacle Removal

Regular and systematic checks should be undertaken to ensure that no obstacles have been located in pedestrian routes (e.g., newspaper vending machines and bicycle racks or garbage containers). (See Figure 80)

1.6.8 Maintenance

POLICY

All active pedestrian routes should be well maintained to permit safe circulation by seniors, persons who have visual limitations and persons using various mobility aids.

- All key pedestrian routes to accessible entrances and/or exits should be kept free of ice and snow in winter months.
- Snow clearing strategies should be developed so that accumulated snow poses no hazard to persons with visual limitations or who use various mobility aids. (See also Section 1.5.5, Snow Melting and Snow Removal and Section 1.6.11 Snow Accumulation and Removal)

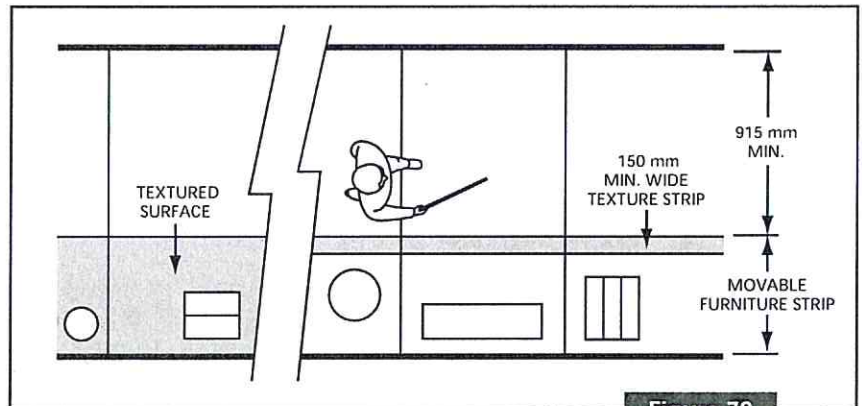


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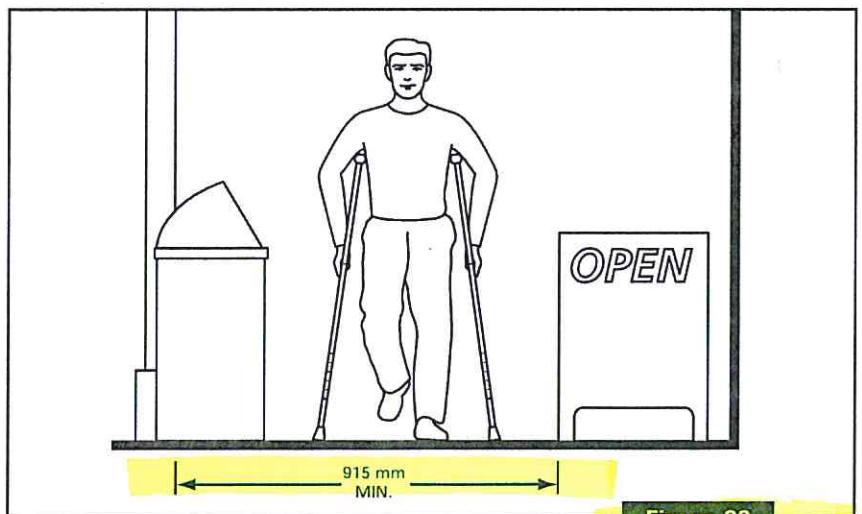


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