

## **SURAKU • Accessibility Criteria**

Specifications for planning, construction and maintenance of accessible public areas in streets, parks, gardens and courtyards

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ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	MEASUREMENTS	ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL PLANNING ATTENTION See separate instructions	PLANNING INSTRUCTIONS	COLOURS AND LIGHTING	MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS
1 SPECIAL LEVEL OF ACCESSIBILITY Pedestrian street milieus City centre areas with public facilities and services Areas surrounding institutions providing health care and services for the elderly and persons with a disability Areas with a lot of housing targeted at the elderly and persons with a disability Public transport terminals and areas surrounding public bus stops Special sports areas and playgrounds Accessible routes in recreational areas, etc.	See: RakMK F2 (Safety specifications for buildings) See: KT-02 (General Working Instructions for Municipal Engineering)	Outside staircases Ramps Guidance paving flags Warning areas Walking surfaces Railings	Staircases and ramps: Handrails always at two heights on both sides (intermediate landings included)  In wide staircases, handrails in the middle at intervals of 2,400 mm  To prevent risk of collision or of clothes being caught in the handrail, the upper and lower handrails must be integrated, or bent down or sideways  Staircase or ramp guide railing, where necessary  Open railing to separate pram slope from staircase	Colour or material distinct from surroundings Guidance lighting, or rail lighting, where necessary for persons who are partially sighted	Handrail must be functional and in place at all times. Good working order must be ensured by temporary arrangements before replacing a damaged handrail.  Piling of snow under handrail prohibited.  Vegetation to be kept from the steps. Vegetation must not hamper use of handrail.  Handrails must be smooth; wooden handrails must be free of splinters
2 BASIC LEVEL OF ACCESSIBILITY	INSTRUCTIONS AS ABOVE  See: RakMK F2 (Safety specifications for buildings)	Outside staircases Ramps Warning areas Walking surfaces Railings	Handrails always on both sides of staircase and ramp (intermediate landings included)  In wide staircases, handrails in the middle at intervals of 2,400 mm  Open railing to separate pram slope from staircase  To prevent risk of collision or of clothes being caught in the handrail, the upper and lower handrails must be integrated, or bent down or sideways	Colour or material distinct from surroundings	INSTRUCTIONS AS ABOVE

