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If you are involved in a building project, it's important you know who is responsible for each aspect.

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For safe, healthy and durable buildings, all building work in New Zealand must meet certain standards. Find out how to build within the rules.

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Specified systems and compliance schedules

If you own a building that contains a specified system such as a cable car, you must ensure they are effectively operated for the life of the building and in keeping with the council-issued compliance schedule.

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“Buildings for everyone – Designing for access and usability” has been recently published on the Building Performance website, with the aim to improve understanding of all building users’ needs when accessing public buildings.

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The guide is for those who own, design, build, and manage public buildings to encourage them to consider the varying needs of members of the public right from the start.

Permanent or temporary disability affects about a quarter of the population at any one time. Everyone should be able to access and use public buildings. This guide describes the building user experience for people with different physical, sensory and cognitive capabilities and shows practical approaches to the design, construction and management of public buildings to meet their needs.

The guide provides information about good practice for the design of buildings that are safe and easy to use for everyone, some of which may exceed the requirements of the Building Code.

[View the "Buildings for everyone: Designing for access and usability" guide.](#)

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