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1. What proportion of the Australian population are living with disabilities?

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, as of 2022, 5.5 million Australians (21.4% of the total population) were living with disabilities..

2. What is the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)?

Legislated by the Federal Government in 1992, the Disability Discrimination Act makes it unlawful to discriminate against a person, in many areas of public life, including accessing public places, because of disability.

3. How does the DDA define the term 'public places'?

The term is used to encompass a wide range of locations, including parks, playgrounds, streetscapes, outdoor areas, footpaths, and road crossings.

4. Apart from the DDA, what are the other key regulations that relate to accessibility and the built environment?

AS 1428, which outlines minimum requirements for new building work and public spaces, serves as the primary reference for accessibility standards in Australia.

5. What does AS 1428 say about the required slopes of disability ramps?

AS 1428 states that ramps must not exceed a slope of 1:14 for general use and 1:8 for shorter distances

6. What are the potential negative consequences of not complying with the regulations regarding accessibility?

Non-compliance with AS 1428 can lead to legal and financial repercussions, including fines and penalties. Also, it can impact the independence and quality of life of those living with disabilities and damage the reputation of the parties involved.