

Buildings, facilities: accessible, for All?

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Abstract

As far as the building of new hotels are concerned, the Italian legislation requires accessibility for all the parts of the building, and also some rooms need to be accessible to people with motor and sensorial disabilities. Also, safe escape routes or places where to wait for help must be realised.

All new hotels must be built in respect of legislations, but accessibility seems to be granted for just one category of disability, the motor one. The Italian technical regulation is quite generic about requirements of good design compatible with people with sensorial disability and allergic people for example. Design solutions compatible with their needs are very few, actually.

Should we gather that it is really necessary a binding regulations so that every designer must design for all? Technical regulation is just used to obtain permission for building? Design for all could be a possibility to enlarge the number of possible customers, an element of quality, adopted and promoted by hotel chains?