



## **Disability-Friendly Fact Sheet: Removal of Snow and Ice**

Snow accumulation on sidewalks, curb ramps, parking spots, and parking lots can mean the difference between getting groceries and medication, going to work, going to the bus stop or being trapped inside. Snow removal is vital to the life and independence of people with disabilities. Do your part to ensure your business is in compliance with the law and taking steps to be a local disability-friendly establishment.

**What are common problem areas for people with disabilities?** Many people with disabilities run into the same issues with snow removal every year. Some common areas that snow or ice accumulation will block are:

- Sidewalks
- Curb ramps
- Cross walks
- Accessible parking spots
- Access aisles (walking path blocked off next to accessible parking spots)
- Bus stops

When ice or snow blocks any of these paths, people who use mobility aids have trouble getting from one place to another – that is why these paths should be clear.

**IT'S THE LAW:** Both the Toledo Municipal Code and federal law require snow removal:

- Toledo Municipal Code 521.01 requires that a residential, commercial, or industrial property abutting public walks should clear the walk of snow, ice, or dirt within twenty-four hours.
- Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act requires any covered business to maintain accessible features including accessible parking spaces and the accessible route from the parking space to the main entrance, which means access aisles, curb cuts, and sidewalks. A business must also maintain an accessible route from a bus stop to its entrance.

## **REPORTING SNOW AND ICE:**

- Is someone else failing to ensure that snow is removed from sidewalks, parking, and bus stops?
  - Call [Engage Toledo](#) or contact [The Ability Center](#)

**Total after-tax disposable income for working-age people with disabilities is about \$490 billion.**

- *American Institutes for Research*