

The Big Four Tips for Optimizing Access



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Entrance and Signage

- Outline glass doors and push bars with high contrast tape
- Use high contrast, large print on all signs
- Use high contrast tape on freestanding signs





Customer Work Counter and Checks

- Place a gooseneck lamp on counter
- Label slots for bank slips/forms
- Advertise high contrast, large print checks and registers (Deluxe Checking Catalog)





ATM Machine

- Position ATM to shield screen from glare
- Outline slots for cards, deposits with contrasting color
- Use large, high contrast keypad and instructions



Outside Walkways

- Paint edges of steps, curbs and slants yellow; access areas blue
- Mark freestanding objects, railings with yellow tape or paint





Supplies You May Need

- Gooseneck lamp
- Roll of colored tape
- Yellow and blue paint

Employee Education

Alert staff to:

- The large and growing number of adults with vision loss
- The invisibility of central vision loss to others; people with macular degeneration, for example, do not look like they have impaired vision
- The need for accommodation, e.g. drawing a dark signature line, giving verbal instructions, identifying and completing forms
- The benefit of high contrast, large print checks and register

Patterns of Vision Loss









MACULAR DEGENERATION

GLAUCOMA

DIABETES

STROKE

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WHY Use SiteWise?

BECAUSE:

- Seniors are the fastest growing customer base in the U.S. and many seniors have reduced vision
- Following these few, easy inexpensive tips can keep senior customers safe and happy and help them use your business

Your senior customers and their families will be grateful for your thoughtfulness in instituting these easy suggestions.

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