

# REVIEW OF DISABILITY PROVISIONS IN A GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES HEAD OFFICE

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Government</b>
<b>Client</b>	<b>A Government Authorities Head Office</b>
<b>Service</b>	<b>Compliance Review and Actions Report against disability provisions – Special Conditions of the Disabled</b>
<b>Project Days</b>	2

## CLIENT PROBLEM ?

There is a large section of the population who may have difficulties with the usual day-to-day activities within a city environment.

Article 27 of the Dubai Municipality Building Code was written to ensure that mandatory provisions for physically disabled people are put into place. If the building is not compliant then an enforcement notice may be issued to the building owner.

The client, a Government authorities head office, wished to know if their building and facilities were legally compliant and, if they were not, what remedial steps should be taken.

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## Our Solution

The Corporate OHS HSE Consultant reviewed the premises against Article 27, Section A, of the Dubai Municipality Building Code relating to Special Conditions of the Disabled. Premises were also reviewed against Article 44 of the same Code, relating to standards for special toilets for the disabled.

- Slopes of inclination not more than acceptable level
- Car parking for the disabled at the rate of (1.3%) of total number of parking
- Parking as near as possible to lifts or main entrances and at a maximum distance
- Provision of adequate spaces at main entrances for loading and unloading
- Provision of direct obstacle free routes from parking to lifts or main gates of buildings
- Provision of a special toilet for the disabled fitted in accordance with design standards
- One of the lifts should be of capacity, specifications, dimensions and fittings complying to international standards approved for the disabled
- Corridor dimensions should comply with standards, approved specifications, along with accessibility to enter and exit all doors and entire inner and outer areas without any obstacles

## Summary of Outputs

The Consultant reviewed the current provisions against each of the articles in the Code named above.

A number of issues currently in contradiction of the Code were photographed and highlighted in the report along with the creation of a table giving examples of the Code and details of the clients compliance or non-compliance as it stands now.

The Findings and Recommendations report gave examples of how the current conditions could be improved, and what remedial actions the client should take to achieve compliance.