

ACCESSIBILITY GUIDE & INFORMATION

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The Executive Office of General Convention, in consultation with Visit Baltimore, the Diocese of Maryland, and the Task Force on Disability and Deaf Access, offers the following information for General Convention guests with disabilities.

Baltimore Convention Center Accessibility

The Baltimore Convention Center (BCC) is an ADA-compliant facility and is committed to ensuring that the venue is as convenient, accessible, and enjoyable as possible. The BCC is responsible for the permanent building access requirements: such as, but not limited to, wheelchair ramps, elevator standards, restroom standards, and internal hallways and doors in addition to the following accommodations:

- Sidewalk curb cuts into main lobby areas
- Thresholds at each entrance which are level with the floor
- Standard wheelchair accessible restrooms
- Exterior automatic sliding doors
- Emergency systems which provide both flashing strobes and voice alarms
- Meeting room signs equipped with Braille indicators
- Elevators equipped with Braille indicators, chimes, and raised letters
- Visual line indicators (flashers) and amplified handsets available through the Center's Telecommunications Department
- Wheelchair lift which raises up to stage level

Service Animals

Service Animals that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities will be permitted inside the Center. Animals must be licensed and up to date on vetting and appropriate Health Department permits. Baltimore City Health Department can be reached at (410) 396-4398.

Baltimore/Washington International Airport Information

TSA Cares is a helpline that provides travelers with disabilities, medical conditions and other special circumstances additional assistance during the security screening process. Call 1-855-787-2227 72 hours prior to traveling with questions about screening policies, procedures and what to expect at the security checkpoint.

To download the full Accessibility brochure, click here.

Baltimore Restaurant Information

Please see the separate tab for restaurant listings.

Interpreters for the Deaf

Interpreters for the Deaf are scheduled in coordination with the Task Force on Disability and Deaf

Access. For information, please contact Diane Lynch – ASL/English Interpreter Coordinator at (856) 308-2087 (cell/text) or come to exhibit booth 100 in the Exhibition area at General Convention.

Live Captioning will be provided in the Worship Hall and both Houses when in session.

Hearing Enhancement

Assisted Listening equipment is available at the General Convention Information Desk on the 3rd floor of the Convention Center, located opposite the skywalk to the Hilton. There is no charge for this equipment, but you will be required to leave an ID to be returned once you have finished using the equipment. This equipment will also be available at the same location for the Revival on Saturday, July 9th.

Hearing Resources:

Maico Hearing Aids Inc (Audiologist) - (410) 752-4545 108 W. Saratoga St https://www.maicoaudio.com/

The John Hopkins Division of Audiology – (443) 997-6467

601 N Caroline St https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/otolaryngology/specialty_areas/hearing/appointmentslocations.html

Accessible Parking and Transportation

Parking

Parking for persons with disabilities is available in surrounding garages at the Baltimore Convention Center. This is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Spaces are marked accordingly. <u>Click here</u> for parking garages located in close proximity to the Baltimore Convention Center.

Public transportation (<u>www.mta.maryland.gov</u>)

Maryland Transit Administration provides fixed route bus and train service throughout the Baltimore area. All buses and trains are fully accessible to persons with disabilities. Reduced fares are be available to persons with disabilities.

Taxi services

Yellow/Checker Cab operate limited numbers of wheelchair accessible, lift equipped taxicabs within the city of Baltimore. Demand for accessible taxis is significant, however, and availability may be limited at certain times of day. Contact the individual companies to request a wheelchair accessible vehicle. Yellow/Checker Cab: (410) 685-1212

Uber

Uber offers lift equipped, wheelchair accessible service in Baltimore. To enable requests for lift equipped vehicles through the Uber app, follow the instructions under "How to request a WAV" in the "Help" tab on the Uber app.

Scooter Rental

Scooter rental is available from the following companies. Please note you are personally responsible to reserve your scooter in advance, make delivery and payment arrangements. Below is a list of companies which provide scooter rental.

Swiftwheels – (877) 419-4114 402 Scott St http://www.swiftscooters.com/

Scootaround – (877) 952-0925 – must call at least 7 days in advance https://scootaround.com/en

The Scooter Shop – (877) 224-2294 https://yourscootershop.com/

Freedom Mobility Solutions – (443) 445-3518 https://freedommobilitysolutions.com/

BW Medical Supply Baltimore – (410) 602-7766 6860 Reisterstown Road http://www.bwmedicalsupply.com/www.bwmedicalsupply.com/Home.html