

6. External ramps

- 6.1** Is the ramp accompanied by steps where the rise is greater than 300mm? []
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- 6.2** Is the ramp accompanied by an alternative means of access (e.g. a lift) where the total rise is greater than 2m? []
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- 6.3** Is the ramp identifiable from the approach route or is it clearly signed? []
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- 6.4** Is the ramp length and gradient suitable? []
- Is the overall length of ramp and total rise acceptable?
 - Is it of adequate width for the full length of ramp slope and landings?
 - Is the surface width of ramp not less than 1,500mm clear?
 - Are there wider ramps for two wheelchairs to pass, not less than 1,800mm?
 - Are there supplementary handrails for wide ramps to divide them?
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- 6.5** Is the maximum crossfall gradient of the ramp slope and landings 1:50? []
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- 6.6** Are the top and bottom landings of adequate size and clear of door swings? []
- Are intermediate landings at regular intervals and of sufficient length?
 - Are larger landings provided where it is not possible to see from one end of the ramp to another?
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- 6.7** Is there edge protection to any open side of ramp or landing? []
- Is it visually contrasting with the ramp and landing surface?
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- 6.8** Is the surface suitable? []
- Is there adequate slip resistance in all weather conditions?
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- 6.9** Is the slope surface visually contrasting with landings? []
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- 6.10** Is there adequate and even level of illumination to the full length of the ramp? []
- Are light fittings selected and positioned to avoid glare?
 - Are shadows avoided along the ramp length?
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- 6.11** Are portable ramps available in existing buildings where no alternative means of access is possible? []
- Are they of a suitable width?
 - Do they have upturned edges?
 - Do they have a slip-resistant surface?

See also *Handrails* (checklist 8)

General observations:
