



DISABILITY RIGHTS NEW YORK

New York's Protection & Advocacy System and Client Assistance Program

Snow Documentation Protocol

Disability Rights New York is seeking assistance documenting the problems faced by people who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices when snow is not properly cleared.

Please complete these steps for as many snow-blocked areas of streets and sidewalks as you can, and keep a detailed log of each photo or video so you can keep track of when and where you took each one.

Day 1:

1. If the sidewalk leading to a street corner is blocked by snow or ice, or if there is a cleared area that is too small a wheelchair to pass through, take a picture.
2. If a street corner is blocked by snow or ice, or if there is a cleared area that is too small a wheelchair to pass through, take a picture.
3. If a bus stop is blocked by snow or ice, or if there is a cleared area that is too small a wheelchair to pass through, take a picture.
4. For street corners, include in your log whether there is a curb cut (a ramp down the curb leading to the street that a wheelchair or a stroller user could travel down).
5. If parking spaces for people with disabilities are blocked, please photograph.
6. If entrances to public buildings are blocked, please photograph.
7. Include the street, bus stop or other signs in the photo if possible, or take a separate photo of the sign or other identifying characteristic.

Subsequent Day(s):

8. The next day, around the same time, check the area to see if it is still blocked by snow or ice or if there is a cleared area that is too small for a wheelchair to pass through. If so, take a picture from the same angle of the picture from the day before.
9. Repeat every day until there is a path wide enough for a wheelchair to use the sidewalk.

Please also take any other photos showing challenging snow covered public areas as well as photos of people (with their consent) struggling to get around. Videos are welcome as well as photos.

Email your photos, videos and log to snow@DRNY.org or send them to us via Facebook @DisabilityRightsNewYork. Thank you!

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