

# Toilets are available



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## “I have the same high expectations as any other able bodied person”

By Corey Scott, aged 15

**J**ust remember that our Government promised in 2004 that all public buildings should be accessible to all members of society and it's now 2008 and we are still bringing up questions surrounding the design of buildings.

Disabled people always seem to have to go into a building using a separate entrance to everyone else, always having to go around the side/back where there could be a ramp. How would that be fair when it always feels that the disabled person and carer/parent has to go on what seems to be a marathon to get into somewhere?

This now brings me onto addressing new buildings. With the current building regulations in place, the regulations are so out-of-date they seriously need to be addressed by a body of people including different disabled people, planners, architects and other officials.

One personal example that I have come across is when I was at my work experience at Accrington and Rossendale College at the end of

June 2008. This is a new build of two years and they had inadequate toilet facilities. Toilets were situated in the wrong place and I could not use the toilet as my wheelchair would not fit through the door, but one thing they did consider was putting a disabled sign on the door. No hoist had been fitted and there was no changing bed. I had to use a urine bottle for my week of work experience. This meant that my independence was disrupted.

Could you imagine the scenario of a whole college of pupils, staff and teachers not being able to go to the toilet for the duration of their college life because that is what was expected of me? I have the same high expectations as any other able bodied person.

Finally it would be greatly appreciated if this body of people and regulators could alter existing buildings and plan for new ones considering people with disabilities. This would lead to a brighter future and serious positive change, and lead us into a new era.

### Every Disabled Child Matters

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EDCM is the campaign to get rights and justice for every disabled child.

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