



every•body•matters

At Synaptic Health and the Evan Shaw Accessibility Foundation, we believe accessibility should be a right for all, and this year, that's exactly what the every•body•matters fundraising campaign will work to achieve. Together, we can build inclusivity into our community and accessibility into the homes of those who need it most.

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24%

of Canadians are living with a physical disability or challenge¹

47%

of Canadians know someone who has a physical disability¹

1 in 10

Calgarians identify as living with some form of disability²

These numbers are growing and will increase by an estimated **1.8% annually** over the next decade, largely due to an aging population³

Canadians are concerned - more than **two-thirds** of Canadians are worried that a loved one will need to learn to live with a physical disability in the next decade¹

We often take for granted the ability to access the buildings and spaces in our communities, even our own homes. For those living with a physical disability, **accessibility affects every aspect of daily life**



Those with a physical disability often face a **higher cost of living** related to the need for assistive equipment and modifications to make homes more accessible



Universal design in new building projects can be achieved with **little to no impact on cost**⁴



Accessible home modifications can **cost tens of thousands of dollars** but making these enhancements can future-proof your home and increase its value



1 in 3 Canadians say their home would present difficulty to a person with a physical disability¹

Common accessibility challenges include¹:

1. No elevator / no ramps / too many stairs
2. Doors that are difficult to open or doors that don't open automatically
3. Inaccessible washrooms
4. Narrow doorways and hallways
5. A lack of accessible parking

Benefits of universal design include:

1. Reducing social isolation and improving the mental and physical health of individuals with disabilities
2. Greater independence for those with disabilities
3. Greater access to employment opportunities for those with disabilities
4. Increased economic benefits for local businesses

¹Angus Reid Institute, "[Accessibility: A source of future anxiety and a significant consideration for Canadian consumers today](#)" (2019)

²The City of Calgary, "[Accessibility and disability in Calgary](#)".

³Conference Board of Canada, "[The Business Case to Build Physically Accessible Environments](#)" (2018)

⁴Rick Hansen Foundation, "[Inclusivity and accessibility do not come at a cost, according to new research](#)" (2020)



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