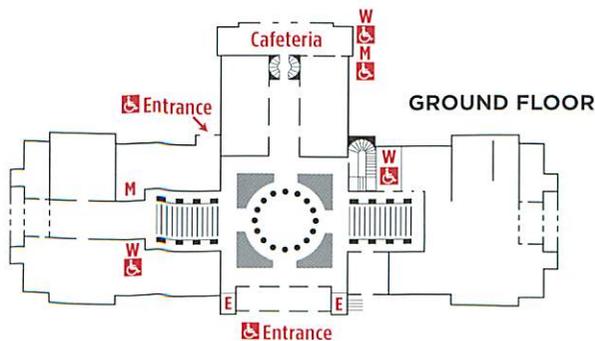
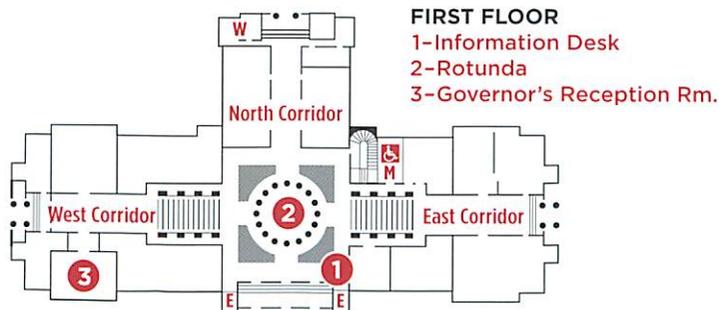
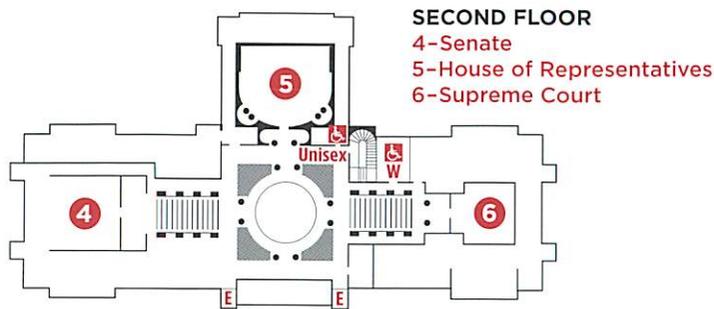
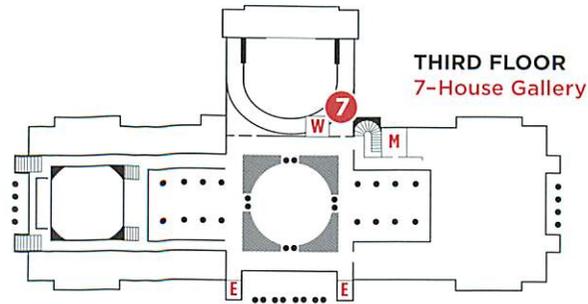


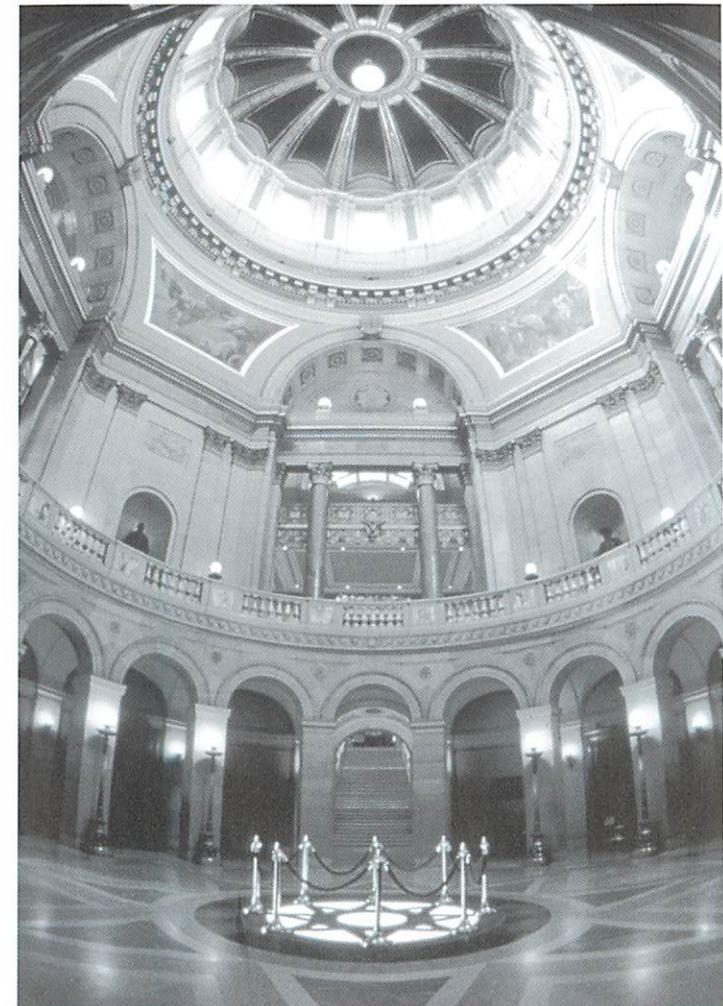


## The State Capitol Floor-by-Floor



# A Guide for Visitors with Disabilities

Minnesota State Capitol



Welcome to the Minnesota State Capitol. This guide will help you to plan a successful visit. The nature of a historic building may impose certain restrictions. If you have accessibility needs, please let us know. We want to ensure that everyone who visits the Capitol has an enjoyable experience.



## Visitors with Hearing Impairment

**Signing Interpreter** — An interpreter will be provided to sign for tours in which there is a hearing-impaired visitor. Arrangements for this service should be requested at the time the reservation is made, at least two weeks in advance.

**Telephones** — A TTY (Telephone Typewriter) is located next to the first floor Information Desk. Minnesota Relay Service phone numbers are also available at the Information Desk.

Telephones with amplified volume are on the ground and first floors next to the southeast (single) elevator, and on the second floor next to both elevators.



## Visitors with Limited Mobility

### ENTRANCES AND PARKING

**South Main Entrance** — The circle drive that leads to the historic *porte cochère* entrance under the front steps is accessible for drop-off and pick-up to enter the Capitol on the ground floor. A ramp provides access from the street level, and a dock accepts wheelchair lifts.

To enter the building, push the security button on the left side of the doorway. This will notify Capitol Security to open the door electronically. Once inside, turn right to reach the elevator, which will take you to the first floor Information Desk.

Buses with passengers in wheelchairs may on- and off-load entire groups at the *porte cochère* entrance. There is sufficient clearance for Metro Mobility Vehicles. Arrangements for a guide to meet the group there may be made at the time of the tour reservation.

**University Avenue Parking** — This entrance is in the back of the Capitol on the west side of the University Avenue building entrance.

Parking is available next to this entrance for vehicles with a handicapped permit. The ramp leads to the ground level. Continue past the grand stairway to the two elevators at the end of this corridor (southwest). To reach the single, larger elevator (southeast), turn left and continue to the end of the corridor. Take this elevator to the first floor Information Desk, where tours begin.

### INSIDE THE CAPITOL

**Wheelchairs** — Wheelchairs are available at the first floor Information Desk to use free of charge while in the Capitol. An I.D. card must be left at the Information Desk, and can be picked up when the wheelchair is returned. Advance reservations are appreciated. Wheelchair access areas include:

- Governor's Reception Room/Anteroom
- First and Second Floor Rotunda
- House of Representatives Gallery
- Senate Gallery
- Supreme Court
- Rathskeller Cafeteria

We recommend that people in wheelchairs take guided tours for greatest accessibility. Large groups of visitors in wheelchairs may not be able to tour all spaces in a 45-minute tour. Some spaces may be closed to tours for government business.

**Restrooms** — Directions are from the single elevator (southeast) unless noted otherwise.

Women: On the ground floor, go past Room 15 and turn right past the grand stairway. From the double (southwest) elevator, turn left and go to the hall behind the grand stairway.

Men: On the first floor, go past the Information Desk and the grand stairway, then turn right.

Unisex: On the second floor, go straight ahead to the end of the corridor.

**Rathskeller Cafeteria** — Take the elevators to the basement level. Turn left after exiting the elevator and follow the sign. There are two tables that accommodate wheelchairs. Wheelchair accessible restrooms are located at the far right side as you enter the cafeteria. The Rathskeller cafeteria is open during legislative session only.

**Drinking Fountains** — Drinking fountains are located in the north hallways on each floor.

**Telephones** — Wheelchair-accessible pay phones are located next to the southeast elevator on the ground, first and second levels.



## Visitors with Visual Impairment

**Guide Dogs** — Licensed Guide Dogs are permitted in the Capitol and on tours. Walls and most furnishings, except for paintings, may be touched. Please check with guides for any restrictions.

**Braille and large print** self-guided brochures of the State Capitol are available upon request.



**The Capitol is located** in St. Paul and is accessible from highways I-94 and I-35E.

### Minnesota State Capitol Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9-5; Saturday 10-3; Sunday 1-4. 45-minute tours begin on the hour and are free. Hours are subject to change.

**For more information**, program costs and reservations, call 651-296-2881; TTY 651-282-6073; or email [statecapitol@mnhs.org](mailto:statecapitol@mnhs.org). [www.mnhs.org/statecapitol](http://www.mnhs.org/statecapitol)