

RESPITE TIP



ACCESS 2 ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

Launched in December of 2004, the Access 2 Entertainment program seeks to offer more opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in recreational activities with an attendant, without added financial burden. It is also designed to raise awareness and help businesses provide quality customer service to customers with disabilities.

The Access 2 Card provides persons with a disability a personalized card printed with their name and the card's expiry date. When going to their attraction of choice, they simply need to present the card along with a piece of ID (not required for cardholders who are minors), and their attendant will receive a free ticket. The Access 2 card is accepted at entertainment venues across Canada.

Persons with a permanent disability who require a support person when attending a movie theatre or attraction are eligible for the Access 2 Card. A support person is an individual who accompanies a person with a disability to provide those services that are not provided by movie theatre/attraction employees, such as assisting the person with eating, administering medication, communication and use of the facilities.

There is a \$20 (3-year expiry date) or a \$30 (5-year expiry date) fee to acquire the Access 2 Card. The card will be valid for either 3 or 5 years and can be used at all Access 2 Card participating venues.

The Access 2 program is managed by Easter Seals Canada. This program was developed by an advisory group of nine national disability organizations, in conjunction with Cineplex Entertainment and the Movie Theatre Association of Canada.

The Access 2 card can be used at any Cineplex or Empire cinema and at many other attractions and recreational facilities across Canada. Nova Scotia venues that accept the Access 2 card include:

NOVA SCOTIA ATTRACTIONS:

Balmoral Mills:	<u>Balmoral Grist Mill</u>
Barrington:	<u>Barrington Woolen Mill</u>
Barrington:	<u>Old Meeting House</u>
Bridgewater:	<u>Wile Carding Mill</u>
Denmark:	<u>Sutherland Steam Mill</u>
Granville Ferry:	<u>North Hills Museum</u>
Halifax:	<u>Discovery Centre</u>
Halifax:	<u>Maritime Museum Of The Atlantic</u>
Halifax:	<u>Museum Of Natural History</u>
Iona:	<u>Highland Village Museum</u>
Jeddore Oyster Pond:	<u>Fisherman's Life Museum</u>
Liverpool:	<u>Perkins House Museum</u>
Lower West Pubnico:	<u>Historic Acadian Village Of Nova Scotia</u>
Lunenburg:	<u>Fisheries Museum Of The Atlantic</u>
Maitland:	<u>Lawrence House Museum</u>
Mt Uniacke:	<u>Uniacke Estate Museum Park</u>
New Ross:	<u>Ross Farm Museum</u>
Pictou:	<u>Mcculloch House Museum</u>
Shelburne:	<u>Dory Shop Museum</u>
Shelburne:	<u>Ross Thompson House</u>
Sherbrooke:	<u>Sherbrooke Village</u>
Starr's Point:	<u>Prescott House Museum</u>
Stellarton:	<u>Museum Of Industry</u>
Sydney:	<u>Cossit House Museum</u>
Windsor:	<u>Haliburton House Museum</u>
Yarmouth:	<u>Firefighters' Museum</u>

RECREATION:

Bedford:	<u>Bedford Outdoor Pool</u>
Halifax:	<u>Needham Pool</u>
Spryfield:	<u>Spryfield Wavepool</u>

How do I apply?

Any person with a permanent disability who requires a support person when attending the movie theatre or other entertainment or recreational venue can apply for the Access 2 Entertainment card. There are no age restrictions.

The application can be downloaded from the Access 2 Entertainment site at:

<http://www.access2card.ca/application/>

Part of the application form (Section C) will have to be completed by an authorized health care provider which can include: Physician, Nurse, Social Worker, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Audiologist, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Recreational Therapist, Speech Language Pathologist, and Executive Director of a Disability Services Provider.

For more information on the Access 2 Entertainment card, please go to:

<http://www.access2card.ca/programinformation/> or contact the Access 2 Program toll-free at: 1-877-376-6362.

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