The Show You Care Program model combines a social marketing message that Bucksport Bay area communities need to be walkable, accessible and safe so that all residents can fully participate in the life of the community.

Bucksport Bay area communities need to be walkable, accessible and safe.

This approach uses civic engagement and community education as a means to improve accessibility across all community sectors. The attached pictures are examples of improvements made to address these needs.

Resources
Refer to the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) for more detailed information on the requirements or exceptions for your home or business handrail requirements.

Accessibility Resources in Maine
Alpha One
www.alphaonenow.org
800.640.7200
Disability Rights Maine
www.drme.org
800.452.1948
Office of the State Fire Marshal
www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/
207.626.3870
Maine Human Rights Commission
www.maine.gov/mhrc/
207.624.6290
Bucksport Code Enforcement Office
https://www.bucksportmaine.gov/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={1B4F4AE6-6359-43DA-848F-B6481A84821B}
207.469.7368

Additional Accessibility Resources
A business has a continuing obligation to remove architectural barriers in existing facilities when it is “readily achievable” (“easily accomplishable without much difficulty or expense”). This requirement is based on the size and resources of a business, it will vary from business to business, and sometimes from one year to the next.

US Access Board Guide to Ramps
www.access-board.gov

ADA Checklist for Readily Achievable Barrier Removal
by the New England ADA Center
www.adachecklist.org

For more information contact:
Town of Bucksport
P.O. Drawer X
Bucksport, Maine 04416
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SHOW YOU CARE!
Why you should care

Citizens, who live with walking limitations, need access to all community resources such as health care services, retail stores, pharmacies, banks, churches, library, municipal offices and schools to meet their daily living needs.

Small changes matter. A railing to climb steps matters even if it’s only a few steps. Reducing the height of stairs matters. Keeping walkways and door entrances cleared of snow and ice matter.

In our communities the ability to navigate roads, sidewalks, stairways, and driveways is limited, endangering the children and adults who are fragile, disabled, and aging. Safe walkways are good for business.

• Customers are more apt to patronize businesses that are easily accessible.

Employees benefit from safe access to a business preventing falls and injuries.

Electronic door openers matter to someone who uses a wheelchair.

Students who may be disabled need access to school buildings that can support their efforts to live independently.

In 15 years 25% of the populations in our communities will be over 65 years of age. In order for these elders to remain in their home for as long as possible it is important that services can be delivered in their home by way of accessible driveways, walkways and door entrances.

We cannot afford our citizens to become isolated and lonely because they feel they cannot leave their home safely. Promoting safe walking is good for your health.

Strategies

• Implement community wide education and social marketing program to raise awareness of the need for walkable, accessible and safe communities.

• Encourage the Town to develop a written plan that outlines winter sidewalk maintenance responsibilities in the Bucksport business district.

• Encourage homeowners, businesses, municipalities, schools, and other organizations to assess their buildings and entrances for ease of access for all citizens.

• Assist organizations with securing resources to implement changes to improve accessibility.

• Develop toolkits with safety and improved walkability resources for property owners and business proprietors.

GOAL: To ensure Bucksport Bay area communities are walkable, accessible and safe so that all residents can fully participate in the life of the community.