

Important Concepts re: Accessibility Standards

Dignity Principles

The concept of global dignity includes the following five principles:

1. Every human being has a right to lead a dignified life.
2. A dignified life means an opportunity to fulfill one's potential, which is based on having a human level of health care, education, income and security.
3. Dignity means having the freedom to make decisions on one's life and to be met with respect for this right.
4. Dignity should be the basic guiding principle for all actions.
5. Ultimately, our own dignity is interdependent with the dignity of others.

Equal Opportunity

All people should be treated similarly, unhampered by artificial barriers or prejudices or preferences, except when particular distinctions can be explicitly justified. Individuals should succeed or fail based on their own efforts and not extraneous circumstances such as religion, sex, or caste.