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### New Hotel Search For Disabled Travelers

Searching for a hotel for disabled travelers has become easier.

Expedia.com and its subsidiary Hotels.com have rolled out search tools that allow travelers with disabilities to find and book lodgings that feature bathrooms for the handicapped, roll-in showers and Braille signage.

The new feature comes in response to a lawsuit filed by disabled customers who alleged that Hotels.com refused to guarantee wheelchair-accessible reservations. In 2009, the company agreed to improve access as part of a settlement.

While Expedia.com says it now lists more than 15,000 hotels with amenities for disabled guests, the search tool is not exactly user-friendly. On Hotels.com, for example, users must first conduct a general search and then filter those results by checking off accessibility preferences like "roll-in shower" and "handicapped parking."

"I think the design could be better, but it's a start," said Andrew Pray, a spokesman for Hotels.com. "It meets a need that was not there."

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