

Museums & Galleries Edinburgh

Accessibility Guide for Museum of Childhood

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Welcome

The first museum in the world dedicated to the history of childhood, it displays toys and games from across the generations. The Museum also explores other aspects of growing up, from schooldays and clubs to clothing, health and holidays. The brand new Gallery One features 60 rarely-seen objects relating to childhood life, learning and play following a five-month refurbishment of the ground floor.

At a Glance

Level Access

- There is level access from the main entrance to:
 - Gallery 1: Changing Childhood
 - Gallery 2: Toys
 - Gallery 3: Dolls and Soft Toys
 - Front and shop desk
 - Accessible Toilet and baby changing facilities

- Gift shop

Access with steps

- There are steps from the main entrance to:
 - Gallery 4: Games and Hobbies
 - Gallery 5: Children's Clothes

Visual

- Some parts of the venue have low lighting.
- We have display information in audio.

General

- There is at least 1 public toilet for disabled visitors.

Getting here

42 High Street
Edinburgh
EH1 1TG

- You can get to Museum of Childhood by bus, train and tram.
- Opposite the museum entrance on the other side of the road. The stop serves Service 300 between the Airport and Ocean Terminal and the Citysightseeing bus. Here is the online timetable: <https://lothianbuses.co.uk/timetables-and-maps/timetables/300> The bus stop is 0.10 miles / 483.5 km from Museum of Childhood.
- The nearest train station is Waverley station. The train station is 0.3 miles / 0.5 km from Museum of Childhood.
- The nearest tram station is Princes Street. The tram station is 0.6 miles / 1.0 km from Museum of Childhood.
- If not using public transport and travelling via foot to Princes Street, we recommend travelling via Jeffrey Street, then Market Street opposed to via the Royal Mile. Jeffrey Street is downhill, sloped and wheelchair accessible as there are no stairs.
- You can get a taxi with City Cabs by calling 0131 228 1211. The taxi company has a wheelchair accessible vehicle.
- If you require a taxi, please contact the front desk and they will be happy to help you.
- There is a drop-off point at the main entrance. The drop-off point has a dropped kerb.
- The Museum is located on the Royal Mile, which gets very busy during the day. There is no on-street parking and restricted drop-off areas. However, there is a bus

stop with a dropped kerb outside the museum. A quick drop-off is then possible, but it is difficult to wait for people for a long period of time.



Dropped kerb in front of museum entrance.

Arrival

- From the street to the main entrance, there is level access.
- The path is 1600mm wide, or more.
- The path is sloped.
- The main entrance has level access.
- The main door is side hung and manual.
- The door is 1600mm wide.
- Museum staff based in the shop will be very happy to assist with opening and closing doors.



To the bottom of the picture, there is a sloped path before the entrance.

Getting around inside

Visual Impairment - General Information

- Some parts of the venue have low lighting.



View of Gallery 2. Compared to the newly refurbished Gallery 1, the older gallery spaces are more low lit.

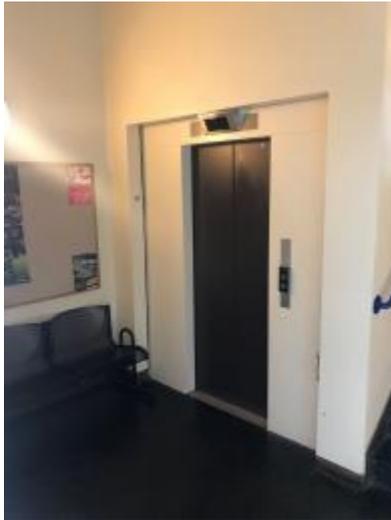


Back spiral staircase to galleries 3, 4, and 5.

- We have 1 lift.
- You can get a lift to some floors.

Main lift from ground floor to second floor

- The lift door is 800mm wide.
- 3 out of the 5 galleries are accessible via the lift; including the newly refurbished Gallery 1 Changing Childhood, Gallery 2 Toys and Gallery 3 Dolls and Soft Toys. Unfortunately, Gallery 4 Games and Hobbies and Gallery 5 Children's Clothes are not wheelchair accessible.



Lift on Level 1

Ticket/ information desk

Front and shop desk

- From the main entrance to the desk, there is level access. The route is 1600mm wide, or more.
- The door is 1600mm wide, or more.
- The desk has a low section.
- The lower part of the desk is 670mm high.



Entrance desk and shop till

Things to See and Do

- We have display information in: audio.

Gallery 1: Changing Childhood

- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access. The door is 1600mm wide.
- Some display information is low, for wheelchair users. There are seats.
- Gallery 1 is newly refurbished and an open plan space.



Gallery 1 introductory display

Gallery 2: Toys

- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access. There is a lift.
- From the lift to this area, the route is 1260mm wide, or more. Some display information is low, for wheelchair users. There are seats.



Gallery 2 space

Gallery 3: Dolls and Soft Toys

- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access. There is a lift.
- Some display information is low, for wheelchair users. There are seats.



Gallery 3 space

Gallery 4: Games and Hobbies

- From the main entrance to this area, there are 26 steps. There is no lift and no ramp.
- Some display information is low, for wheelchair users. There are seats.



Gallery 4 space

Gallery 5: Children's Clothes

- From the main entrance to this area, there are 44 steps. There is no lift and no ramp.
- Some display information is low, for wheelchair users. There are seats.



Gallery 5 space

Public toilet

Accessible Toilet and baby changing facilities

- There is a public toilet for disabled visitors.
- From the main entrance to the public toilet, there is level access. There is a lift.
- The toilet door is 890mm wide.
- There is 2400mm in front of the toilet. The toilet seat is 460mm high. The toilet has handrails.



Accessible Toilet entrance at the back of Gallery 3



Accessible toilet

Shop

Gift shop

- From the main entrance to the shop, there is level access. The door is 1600mm wide.
- The route through the shop is 800mm wide, or more.
- The shop is open plan and located directly inside the main entrance. There is an information desk and till in the shop where staff will be happy to assist.



Open plan gift shop

Customer care support

Accessibility equipment

- There is not toilet area for assistance dogs in the museum. The nearest place is a public park (Holyrood Park) about 0,3 miles from the museum.