

# The universal access symbols explained



## Audio description

Audio description is a service that **enhances** the live theatre or film experience for people who are blind or have low vision. Through the use of a small radio receiver, audience members can listen to a description of the visual aspects of the performance during appropriate breaks in the dialogue.



## Accessible for low vision

The accessible for low vision symbol indicates access for people who are blind or have low vision. It should

be used for guided or tactile tours, nature trails or a scent garden or museum/gallery exhibitions that may be touched.



## Sign language interpreted

The sign language interpreting symbol should be used where Auslan – or another sign language – interpreting is available for patrons or audiences. This may be interpretation of performance, presentations or social interpreting for interval or ‘after-parties’.



## Assistive listening systems

**Hearing loops**, or assistive listening systems, are installed at many theatres and can be used to amplify

or enhance sound quality and eliminate background noise for people who are hard of hearing.



## Wheelchair accessible

Use the wheelchair access symbol when the **venue** is wheelchair accessible and has accessible

bathrooms. A wheelchair-friendly venue should also have specific seating reserved for wheelchair users.



## Captioning (open/closed)

Captioning is available at selected performances.

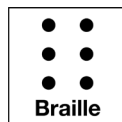
**Captions** are prepared from the script of the play by highly trained staff. During the performance, the captions are displayed on a screen, **enabling** the audience to read what is being said, without obstructing the actors.

Open captioning is always in view, and cannot be turned off; closed captioning can be activated or deactivated by the viewer.



## Large print

You can offer large print materials to your patrons – including books, brochures, guides and programs, forms and signage. Large print materials should be 18 points or larger, have high contrast (i.e. black print on white or white print on black) and well-spaced.



## Braille

The Braille symbol indicates that printed material is available in Braille, including items such as

exhibition labelling, publications and signage.

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**caption:** *didascalia*

**to enable:** *permettere, mettere in grado*

**to enhance:** *accrescere*

**hearing loop:** *apparecchio acustico*

**venue:** *sede (di evento)*