


**Location:** The WISE Hall

**Website:** <http://www.wiseshall.ca/>

**Address and Phone Number:** 1882 Adanac St., Vancouver (604)254-5858

**Google Map:** [Google Map of The Wise Hall](#)

**Link to The Full And Updated Access Audit:**

 RAMP\_WISE HALL\_Accessibility Audit\_UPDATED April 2022

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### Accessibility Ratings: FULL / SEMI / NON

**Blind and Low Vision** \_\_\_\_\_ **SEMI**

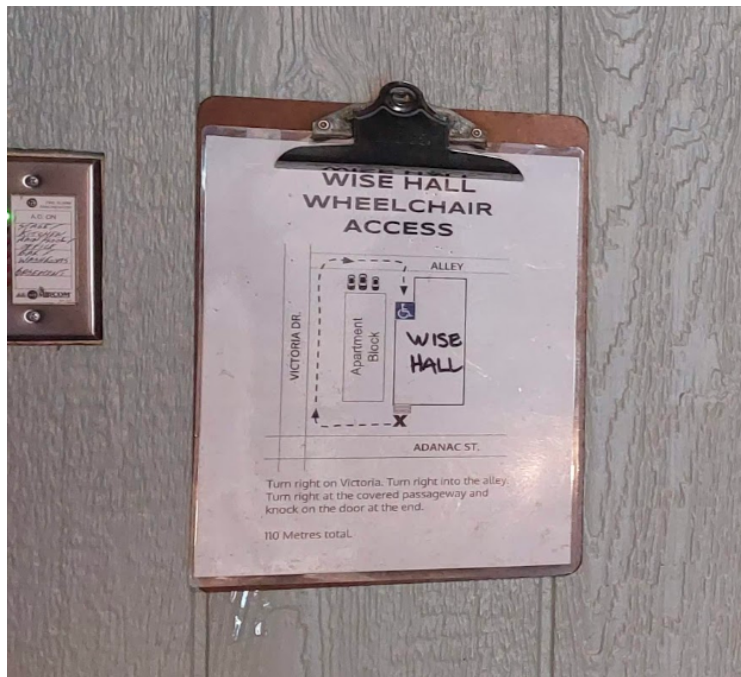
**Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Other Audio Barriers** \_\_\_\_\_ **SEMI**

**EMS (Electro Magnetic Sensitivity)** \_\_\_\_\_ **SEMI**

**Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Scent Reduction/ Scent Free** \_\_ **NON**

**Wheelchair/ Scooter User /Mobility Limited**\_main space **FULL**; stage **NON**; bathrooms **FULL**.

Accessible Entrance: At the back will have to pass some gravel, the map below can guide you



**\*update as of April 2022:** please note that a new, wheelchair accessible bathroom has been created andn they are both gender neutral. The door has been adjusted to more easily fit wheelchair/scooter users, but overall the space is great. Thank you to the WISE Hall for being so open and responsive to these changes.

#### Accessibilities Rating Key:

**FULL:** e.g. can freely access all publicly available spaces; scent policy in place and enforced; ASL, Braille, & other accommodations available at no charge to the individual; sliding scale available; etc.

**SEMI:** e.g. can access most/main activity spaces but not all public areas, some arrangements/changes required, some accommodations provided for deaf/HoH and blind/vision limited folks; adequate lighting for signing; limited scent policy; etc.

**NON:** e.g. can't access main public areas; no scent policy in place; no asl, Braille or other accommodations; inadequate lighting for signing; no

sliding scale; etc.

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The Welsh, Irish, Scottish, English Hall, better known as the WISE Hall, is located just off Vancouver's Commercial Drive, a hub of live music, food, art spaces, parks, kid-friendly restaurants, and diverse queer-welcoming spaces and political communities

The WISE is used for a wide variety of events, including concerts, dances, rehearsals, receptions, film shoots, meetings, play parties, weddings, classes and seminars. After going through some renovations, while it is not fully wheelchair accessible (the stage remains inaccessible, folks using wheelchairs must enter and exit via the rear door, it is only possible to transfer from one side of the toilet, etc.), it is more accessible than ever before.

You'll note on arrival a set of railed stairs leading into the Hall. The wheelchair accessible entrance is around back. For certain events there will be someone posted at the door throughout the event and/or a bell system will be rigged up to ensure no one has to wait out there to be let in. If this has not been clarified by organizers already, please consider contacting them for details.

Once inside, you'll find a spacious wood-floored hall, open concept, tables and chairs set up throughout. The stage (accessible only via stairs) is to your left, and the washrooms towards the back of the hall. There are two sets of washrooms. The one to the left of the bar is currently marked 'All gender', is on the same level and is now wheelchair accessible, with 2 urinals and one wheelchair access stall and one non-wheelchair access stall. The one to the right of the bar, 'All gender', is wheelchair accessible with no urinals and one additional stall. Please note that there are no tampon dispensers, sharps containers or scent free soaps provided at The WISE (event organizers may provide scent free soaps), so please come prepared!

Please note as well that there is currently no scent-reduced policy in place at the WISE, and individual events may apply one. Refer to these resources if you'd like to learn more about how you can help create a safer environment for folks with Multiple Chemical Sensitivities:

A FAQ on MCS and being scent-free

<http://www.peggymunson.com/mcs/fragrancefree.html>

On making your event scent-free or scent-reduced:

<http://dualpowerproductions.com/2011/03/26/organizing-a-fragrance-free-event/>

On products you can use to reduce your use of scents:

<http://eastbaymeditation.org/accessibility/scentfree.html>

There is free parking on the surrounding streets, bike lockups outside, and accessible transit within a few blocks.



*Questions, concerns, additions, corrections, or kudos regarding this accessibility audit?*

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*Learn more about auditing, captioning, and the Radical Access Mapping Project here:*

*<https://radicalaccessiblecommunities.wordpress.com/>*