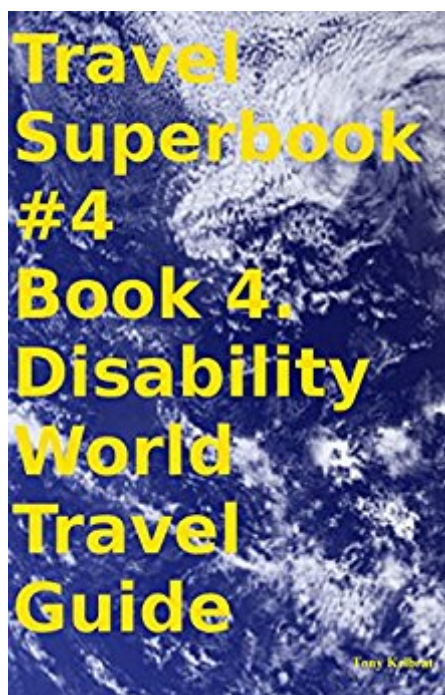


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Your first source of travel info is to connect with the helping organizations for your particular disability and ask what they have in the way of travel info, either a list of tour operators or information about wheelchair accessible places, etc. Most airports, train and bus stations in the westernized world have wheelchair access but if you're going to an obscure country or area, check before you go. There might be some books for disabled travelers at #362.4, #910.87 and HV3022 at the library. There are at least a dozen travels books for disabled people on the market. Either go to the library or to a bookstore or on the web and look for the most current. If you're traveling to an area, contact the tourist board and ask for a list of wheelchair accessible places, if relevant to your disability. The OAG/ Official Airlines Guide Travel Planner & Hotel/ Motel Guide quarterly magazine probably at your library has good information for disabled people, oag.com, 800-dial-oag. Contact the specific airline or train company you're traveling with and ask about wheelchair access. Some airlines publish booklets about their services for disabled people. If you're disabled and want to drive around in a vehicle, contact your local American Automobile Assn./ AAA chapter and get the booklet The Handicapped Driver's Mobility Guide. If you use a wheelchair, hearing aid, etc., try to bring a spare or if not, get the other one checked out and tuned up before you go. Guide dogs are allowed on virtually all public transport and in all hotel rooms. Your best bet is to use common sense. Figure out what you want to do, call the company, explain your details and see what they can do for you. Book well in advance. In order to avoid hassles, you might consider a disabled-friendly tour operator where you'll travel with a group of disabled people. Disabled People Complain About Travel pva.org, Paralyzed Veterans of America ADA Technical Assistance 800-514-0301 ada.gov/publicat.htm U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Disability Rights Section Washington, D.C. 20530 usdoj.gov National Center on Accessibility 812-856-4422 ncaonline.org U.S. Access Board Compliance and Enforcement 1331 F St. NW Suite 1000 Washington, D.C. 20004-1111 800-872-2253 access-board.gov Air Travel for Disabled People When booking an air flight, some airlines might ask to classify you into one of 3-4 categories in order that they might serve you better and anticipate your arrival. If someone is extremely sick, they may need a Medical Clearance Certificate from a doctor before the airline will allow them to fly. This includes any contagious illness, any illness that could cause discomfort to the other passengers or jeopardize the safety of the plane. It's all about The Air Carrier Access Act. Look for the most current information at dot.gov, airconsumer.ost.dot.gov. If you have a problem, say you want to talk to the complaints resolution officer (CRO). Canes and manual wheelchairs can be stored in the cabin during the flight. Power scooters, electric wheelchairs, etc. will have to go in

baggage. There are protective cases on the market that hold a manual wheelchair for the trip. You can either rent a wheelchair when you get to your destination or have it shipped by Fedex.com or DHL.com in advance. Technically, you're allowed to bring a portable oxygen concentrator/ POC on a plane but check with your airline anyway. Ventilators are allowed on commercial airplanes. Take a back-up battery. haseltine.com, haseltine flyer: 888-445-8751 breathineasy.com, breathin' easy, 925-891-5017 ventusers.org, international ventilator users network Some people who cannot sit up can travel by stretcher on a commercial flight. airconsumer.ost.dot.gov/publications/flyrights, department of transportation aviation consumer protection gpoaccess.gov/

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