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Seating forms an essential facility for most disabled people, particularly those with mobility difficulties and breathing or heart problems. More detailed guidance is available in BS 8300. For guidance on audience or spectator seating in various building types, see Part M, BS 8300 and Sport England's Access for Disabled People.

- Seats should be provided at intervals along routes or where waiting is likely (e.g. bus stop, main entrance prior to opening).
- Seats should be stable and provided in a range of heights. BS 8300 recommends between 450mm and 475mm for fixed seating. In larger buildings where more seating is provided, consider a range of seat heights from 420mm to 580mm and perch seats at 650mm to 800mm on long routes or in short stay waiting areas.
- A mixture of seating with and without armrests should be provided.
- In waiting areas there should be space for a wheelchair user to pull up alongside a seated companion.
- One space within or at the end of a block of seating could be provided for an assistance dog to rest.
- Seating fixed to tables (e.g. picnic table) should have a space at the side or end for a wheelchair user and an easy to use perch seat at one end for those with mobility difficulties.

