

Buildings Without Barriers Challenge 2021

In 2021, the Rick Hansen Foundation (RHF) challenged commercial real estate owners and managers to prove they provide barrier free access inside and outside of their properties by participating in the Buildings Without Barriers challenge and having at least 3 sites rated with RHF Accessibility Certification.

Goals

The Challenge provided commercial real estate owners and managers an opportunity to:



Show their visitors, employees, and customers their commitment to creating accessible spaces for everyone, everywhere



Gain valuable information about their buildings from RHF and their industry peers



Be recognized and celebrated for their commitment to accessibility in the built environment

Participating Organizations

BentallGreenOak 

CF
Cadillac
Fairview

canada  life

CONCERT® 

GWL REALTY
ADVISORS

 **KingSett**
CAPITAL

Morguard

O|X|F|O|R|D

 **QuadReal**

 **TRIOVEST**

wpm **WARRINGTON PCI**
MANAGEMENT

Awards



Commitment Award

Organization with the most RHFAC rated buildings



10

buildings
rated



Innovation Award

Building with the highest number of innovation points on their RHFAC rating



82%

RHF Certified
Gold rating

Impact

13

commercial real estate organizations participated, resulting in a stronger understanding of how meaningful accessibility will benefit their clients, employees, customers, and visitors

63

sites were rated resulting in increasing knowledge of existing barriers and how to remove them so the 6.2 million Canadian with disabilities have equitable access to commercial spaces

100%

of the participants stated that they would participate in future challenges



Participating organizations began planning for meaningful accessibility earlier in construction and retrofit projects.



Many participants engaged RHFAC Professionals following the challenge to implement recommended changes.

53

9 of the 13 participating organizations went on to have 53 other sites rated!



RHFAC results were used as a social metric within public ESG reporting and case studies.