



# National Safety Council

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## Position/Policy Statement

### **President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped**

"In the United States today it is estimated that one out of ten persons has limited mobility due to a temporary or a permanent physical handicap. Improved medical techniques and an expanding population of older persons is increasing this number every year. Yet the physical environment of our nation's communities continues to be designed to accommodate the able bodied, thereby increasing the isolation and dependence of disabled persons. To break this pattern requires an act of national commitment."

"Therefore, it shall be national policy to recognize the inherent right of all citizens to the full development of their economic, social and personal potential, regardless of their physical disability, through the free use of the man-made environment."

"The adoption and implementation of this policy requires the mobilization of the resources of the private and public sectors to integrate handicapped people into their communities."

*This position statement reflects the opinions of the National Safety Council but not necessarily those of each member organization.*

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