

Mike the Access Guy's Newsletter

CHOOSING THE RIGHT PORTABLE RAMP

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"Choosing the right portable ramp"

There are many types of portable ramps to choose from like Threshold ramps, Butt ramps, Folding ramps, one piece Car ramps and Multi fold ramps.



Determining the proper ramp length and type of ramp(s) that will work for you, your loved one or client **can be difficult at best**, there are a lot of things to take into consideration.

Here are some things to consider. This may help you determine the proper ramp length:



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Is the person going to be using it by themselves?

Is there a capable qualified helper to help them use the ramp?

Frail 100lbs Aunt Helen is NOT going to be capable of helping 250lbs Uncle George up & down the ramp.

Are they walking it or using a cane, walker or manual wheelchair?

How steep of an incline can they navigate?

Are they using a power chair or scooter?

Refer to the equipment manufacturer's user guide for their recommendations for incline / decline.

Measure the rise (*distance from the top step, porch, van, etc. to the ground*).

Refer to the [Measurement Sheet](#), [slope charts](#) and [Inclined Chart](#) that may help you determine what type of ramp or ramps will work best.

There is way too much information about portable ramps to put it all in a newsletter. Here is a link to our [portable ramp](#) page where you can learn more about the many types and styles of ramps all for FREE.

Portable ramps may not be the best choice for your needs. You may need to consider a [Modular Ramp System](#). These versatile ramp systems come in all aluminum or wood and aluminum and can come with wood or aluminum hand rails. Many standard sizes are available or can be customized to fit your application. See our [Modular Ramp Systems](#) page for more information.

Stop by the Accessibility Center and try the ramps to find the one that will work best for you, your loved one or client.

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Home Accessibility Seminar by Mike the Access Guy on Friday February 25, 2011 at 4pm at the BCB 27th Home Fair Expo at the Dome Center in Henrietta. Also, remember to stop by our booth #76 anytime during the [Home Fair Expo](#) on February 25, 26, 27, 2011.

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