

If you are running a UK website that provides information or marketing material to the general public you must make that service available to disabled users by October 2004 or you will be breaking the law.

### Test 1 – Navigating with the Tab key



Try to explore your website without using your mouse. you press the Tab key on the left of your keyboard. Each time you press the Tab key you select the next navigation button or hyperlink on the page. (Use the shift key + the Tab key to go back to a previous link).



When you are on the required button or hyperlink just press the Enter key to go to the new page.

If you find that your site is impossible to navigate without using a mouse then your site is not accessible to disabled people and you may be breaking the law.

### Test 2 - Alternative text for images.

The images and pictures on your website are stored separately to the text. Visually impaired users, and users with slow connections, turn off the "show images" option in their browser - but they still need to know what the picture was about.



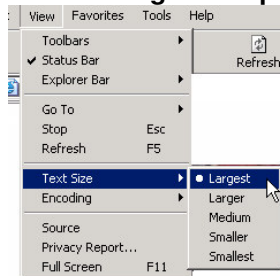
This is done by including an alternative piece of text that shows up if the image does not arrive, or if the user holds the mouse cursor over the image for a moment

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← This is the alternative text.

Use your mouse to rest the cursor on the images on your website. If the alternative text is not available you will probably be breaking the law as you are not providing a similar quality of service to all your users.

### Test 3 - Large text option



People with poor eyesight may need to adjust the size of the text on your websites.

To check this select the **View** menu in your browser toolbar, from the pull-down list select **Text Size** and click on the **Largest** option.

If your pages have been written using the proper html codes you should see the text and links on your page written in a larger font size.

If your site failed any of the above tests your site is not fully accessible and will definitely need repairing. These are only a few of the test you need to do, but they are simple and provide a good indication of your site's general accessibility. If you passed these tests you should consider having the site properly by a website auditing company or by using one of the tools available on the Internet such as Bobby, LiftOnLine or A-Plus.