



Going by boat

Things you need to know

Before you get on the boat

- The buildings at ports in Northern Ireland are generally easy for most disabled people to get around and use
- Staff from the boat company should give you help to get on and off the boat if you need it
- Some boat companies have a special minibus to help you get to the boat

On the boat

- Most boats have things that make them easier for disabled people to use. For example, disabled toilets and lifts
- Some disabled people may find older boats difficult to use. This is because older boats may not have things like disabled toilets

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- Some boat companies ask that disabled people bring someone with them when they travel on their boat. Check this with the boat company before your journey

Things to think about

- **Will it be easy for you to get to the place that the boat leaves from?**
- **Will you need any help to get on and off the boat?**
- **Will the boat have all the things you need on it? For example, a disabled toilet?**
Tell the company what your travel needs are when you book your boat journey
- **Does the boat company have any rules about disabled people?** For example, can you take a guide dog or assistance dog on to the boat? Check this with the boat company before you travel
- **Does the boat company give a discount to disabled people?**

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Where to get more information or help

- For more information about your boat journey contact the boat company that runs the service
- You can also visit the **Getting Out and About** website at www.ni-transportguide.info
- For advice on travel after you leave the boat contact **Tripscope**



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These information sheets may also be useful

Sheet 1 Transport and your rights

Sheet 2 Planning your journey

Sheet 3 What to do if something goes wrong with your journey