



To all VT Chamber Members:

Think of a time when you were too short to ride an amusement park ride, too young to rent a car, or heard about an event but weren't invited. For many of our neighbors with a disability, the **Internet** operates permanently in this paradigm. And yet, all it would take are small adjustments for everyone to be deservedly equal. The reality is though, many people with a disability find unnecessary barriers to using the Internet, forcing them to feel like outsiders.

*Beyond the social and business reasons for making your website accessible, legal considerations have recently brought this issue into focus. The Pennsylvania law firm, Carlson Lynch, has started to serve businesses that don't have accessible websites with compliance lawsuits that cost tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands to settle in court. The Department of Justice is expected to amend the ADA in 2018 to include accessibility mandates for websites. The fact is, this issue isn't going away, and as a business owner it is important to be aware of the implications of not having an accessible website.*

*Accessible Web is holding two free informational webinars on the following days to help VT Chamber members understand the current web accessibility landscape and how we can help protect your business and create an online presence that's inviting for everyone. Please register at <https://accessibleweb.com/vt-chamber> and we'll provide webinar details.*

Tuesday, October 18 at 10am

Thursday, October 21 at 2pm

Accessible Web is a spin-off of Burlington Bytes, an established web design and development firm in Burlington, VT. Depending on how your website was built initially, Accessible Web can provide audits and upgrades in order to bring your website into conformance with accessibility guidelines. Our goal at Accessible Web is to work with businesses and organizations to make the web accessible to everyone, regardless of ability.

If you have any questions, or want to schedule a free consultation, email [Peter Jewett](#), [Andrew Stickney](#), or [Casey Morrison](#) at call us at 888-534-0187.