Easy Checks for Accessibility

- **Page Titles**
  Each page has a brief, descriptive title distinguishing it from other pages.

- **Image text alternatives ("alt tags")**
  All images have alternative appropriate text and alt tags.

- **Headings**
  Heading hierarchy is meaningful and is marked up correctly.

- **Contrast Ratio**
  Contrast ratio of 4.5:1 for normal-size text.

- **Resize Text**
  Text looks and functions properly when size is increased.

- **Keyboard access and visual focus**
  All functionality can be performed with a keyboard.

- **Forms, labels and errors (including Search fields)**
  Forms controls have labels and errors are easily findable/explained.

- **Moving, flashing, or blinking content**
  Offer a way to pause any moving content.

- **Multimedia (video, audio) alternatives**
  Captions, transcripts, and audio descriptions for video/audio content.
  Media player controls are keyboard-accessible.

- **Basic structure check**
  Turn off images, CSS, and linearize the page or tables.
  The information makes sense when read in the order it's shown.
  Read alt text on images and check headings.

[Adapted from Easy Checks - A First Review of Web Accessibility: https://www.w3.org/WAI/eval/preliminary]
Tools and Resources for Testing

TOOLS

Web Accessibility Evaluation Tool (WAVE)
http://wave.webaim.org/

Internet Explorer Web Accessibility Toolbar (IEWAT)
https://www.paciellogroup.com/resources/wat

RESOURCES

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines Overview
http://www.w3.org/WAI/intro/wcag

Before and After Demonstration (BAD)
http://www.w3.org/WAI/demos/bad/

University of Washington Accessible University 3.0 (BAD example)
http://www.washington.edu/accesscomputing/AU/

Accessibility Principles
https://www.w3.org/WAI/intro/people-use-web/principles

Intro to Accessibility
http://www.w3.org/standards/webdesign/accessibility

HUIT Online Accessibility
http://accessibility.huit.harvard.edu/