



Emergency Shelter Accessibility Checklist

An Assessment Tool for
Emergency Management Staff and Volunteers

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This checklist has been developed to assist in assessing and improving the accessibility and usability of emergency shelters and evacuation facilities. It represents a selection of requirements and may not always reflect the most recent code updates. This checklist is not intended to assess whether a facility fully complies with all building codes or other legal requirements, or to serve as a substitute for formal inspections conducted by duly authorized public health and safety officials.

Introduction

Accessibility cannot be assessed simply by taking a quick look around or noting the presence or absence of features like ramps and automatic doors. Nor is it safe to assume that a building used as a school or for some other public purpose will automatically meet the accessibility needs of people seeking shelter, even if it is relatively new. The only way to be sure is to actually check.

Valid accessibility assessment involves a methodical, area-by-area examination with lots of measuring and trying things out. Are the parking and drop-off areas level and smooth or is the pavement cracked, cratered, or excessively sloped? How much force is needed to open the doors? Once the doors are open, how wide are the doorways? If there is a ramp, how steep is it? (If it is too steep, a person who uses a wheelchair may not be able to climb it or safely descend.) And, does it have railings that help people pull themselves up while keeping them from drifting over the edge? If a ramp leads up to a doorway, is there a big enough platform at the top to allow a person using a wheelchair, walker or crutches to open the door without rolling backwards or risking a fall? Is the interior "path of travel" wide enough to maneuver a wheelchair or walker? Are there any loose or broken floor tiles, projecting thresholds, lips or other tripping hazards? Do water fountains, counters or shelves stick out from the walls in such a way that a blind person or a person with low vision might walk into them? Can the signs identifying key rooms and other features be read in Braille? What about bathrooms and dining areas - is there enough space to turn around in a wheelchair, and are fixtures at the right heights and reach ranges? Can door hardware and plumbing controls be operated with a closed fist? There are dozens of questions and lots of details to check out.

This checklist is intended to provide a comprehensive approach to asking and answering basic questions that should be explored when assessing the accessibility of facilities being considered for use as emergency shelters. While no accessibility standards have yet been officially promulgated for emergency shelters, the dimensions and features referenced are generally accepted as useful and appropriate for providing basic access to public facilities. However, please note that meeting the standards stated in this checklist does not necessarily mean that a particular building complies with all accessibility-related code or regulatory requirements. The goal of the checklist is to surface conditions that could present problems for people with various disabilities who are seeking emergency shelter. It is not intended, and does not purport to identify all the issues that potentially affect the accessibility of a particular building or the programs that are normally housed in it.

What if problems are identified? Unless there are major structural barriers, it is quite possible that minor modifications or temporary solutions can be found to afford access for emergency sheltering purposes. For instance, if there are too few accessible parking spaces marked out in the parking area, temporary signs and traffic cones can be used to reserve additional accessible spaces. Portable ramps can often bridge a step or two, and there are commercially available devices that can ease transitions over "bumps" and high thresholds. Door closers can usually be

adjusted to facilitate opening; floor mats can be removed; lever hardware can be clamped to old-fashioned round door knobs; toilet stalls can sometimes be expanded by removing partitions and stringing shower curtains. While some buildings may present too many problems to overcome, adaptive solutions might be found to cure accessibility problems in others.

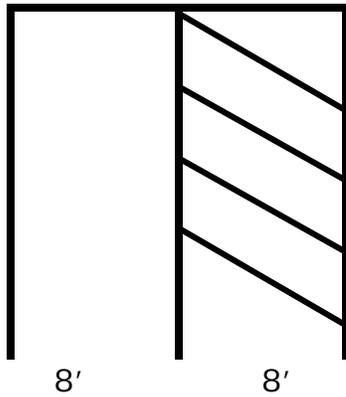
For assistance in thinking about such temporary “work-arounds”, or for help or advice with any accessibility assessment questions, feel free to contact Elanah Sherman or Gretchen Knauff at the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (OPA). They can be reached at (800) 842-7303 (voice/TTY).

HINTS ON USING THIS CHECKLIST

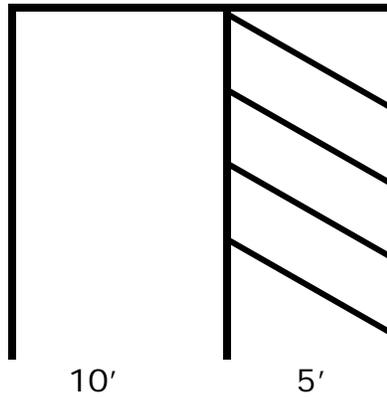
1. Begin by assembling a few basic measuring tools: a tape measure, a two-foot level and a spring gauge to measure door opening resistance.
2. Unless you have prior experience assessing accessibility, it is best to involve people who have experience. You can contact OPA (see above), or seek volunteers from a local disability commission or advocacy group. However, be aware that there is no one “average person with a disability”. The term “disability” covers a broad range of human experience, and includes conditions that affect mobility, strength, endurance, dexterity, sensation and communications as well as information-processing, memory and emotional/behavioral issues. Try to work with people who represent, or are genuinely knowledgeable about the needs of people with different types of disabilities.
3. Work from the outside in. Begin by assessing parking, walkways, drop off areas, exterior ramps and entrances, then proceed to interior spaces - corridors, assembly rooms, dining and sleeping areas, toilet and shower rooms, and then any special service areas or communications features. Proceeding in this sequence parallels the experience of people as they arrive, register, are assigned space, and conduct various typical shelter activities. Following this sequence, it is less likely that you will miss things.
4. Not all facilities have or need elevators or ramps to meet accessibility requirements; some may not have other features referred to in the checklist. The key question is whether there are any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability from having equal access to any functional area within the shelter, or any shelter services.
5. Use the “comments” space provided in each section to note conditions that exceed minimum requirements, need attention or correction, or that might be readily improved upon. Also note any precautions that shelter staff should take to correct unsafe conditions, rearrange furniture, post signs and provide for the availability of temporary ramps or other equipment that will be needed to overcome physical or communications barriers.

Accessible Parking Spaces

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Van Accessible Space



Non Van Accessible Space

Van Accessible Spaces – Must be at least 16' wide (8' space and 8' of crosshatch).

Non Van Accessible Spaces – Must meet the requirements of Connecticut General Statutes 14-253a. Such spaces must be at least 15' wide (10' space and 5' of crosshatch).

The crosshatch may be on either side of the accessible parking space.

All accessible parking spaces should be on level ground as close to an accessible entrance as possible. If there are multiple accessible entrances, the spaces should be distributed between or among the entrances.

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The number of handicapped parking spaces associated with a facility; the signage used to designate them; the width of the cross-hatched access isles (needed for vehicle ramps and lifts to operate and for various transfer techniques); their proximity to accessible entrances; the overall condition of the paved surfaces; and, any uneven transitions between travel surfaces can all greatly affect accessibility. Legal requirements for the number and type of handicapped parking spaces vary depending on type of facility and overall size of parking area. Generally there will be a minimum of 1 accessible space for every 25 total parking spaces up to the first 100 spaces. At least one, and no fewer than one of every eight accessible spaces must be van accessible. Numbers increase with the size of the parking lot, but the required ratios diminish. **NOTE:** People who need accessible parking are among the demographic groups most likely to seek public shelters. Meeting minimum legal requirements for parking spaces may not prove sufficient. Where possible, shelter planners should be prepared to designate additional accessible parking spaces on a temporary basis.

PARKING SPACE AVAILABILITY

of overall spaces in lot _____

of accessible spaces _____

of van-accessible spaces _____

ACCESSIBLE SPACES

	Yes	No
Are accessible spaces closest to accessible entrance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there an access aisle for each handicapped parking space that is on an accessible route leading to an accessible entrance (access aisles are marked by diagonally cross hatching)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For car spaces, is the minimum width 10' for the vehicle and 5' for aisle?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For van accessible spaces is there a minimum of 8' for vehicle parking and 8' for the aisle?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Notes and Comments

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VAN-ACCESSIBLE GARAGE HEIGHT

Yes No

Is there a minimum 98" vertical clearance at parking space?

Does the driving route from entrance to exit have a minimum 98" vertical clearance?

SIGNAGE

Do signs display international access symbol above grade at each space and bear words:

"handicapped parking permit required" and "violators will be fined"?

At van accessible spaces, is there an additional designation indicating "van accessible space"?

SURFACE CONDITION

Smooth firm pavement; no cracks or level changes more than 1/2"

Slope less than or equal to 1:20

No water ponding

Grate openings max. 1/2" & perpendicular to route of travel

CURBCUT TO PATHWAY

Curbcut min. width 3' excluding sloped sides

Center slope not to exceed 1:12 unless insufficient space

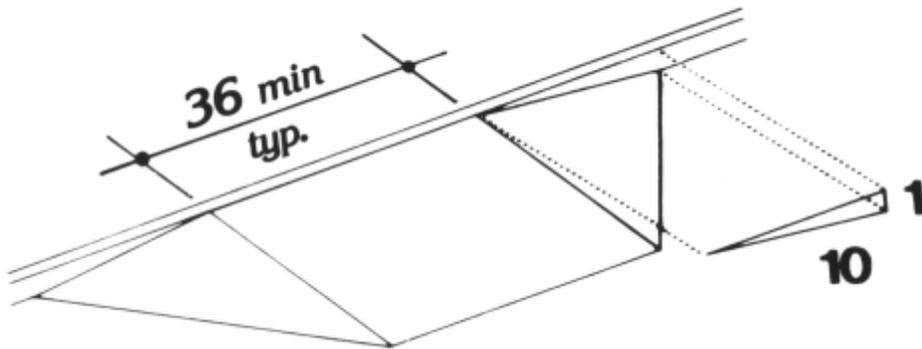
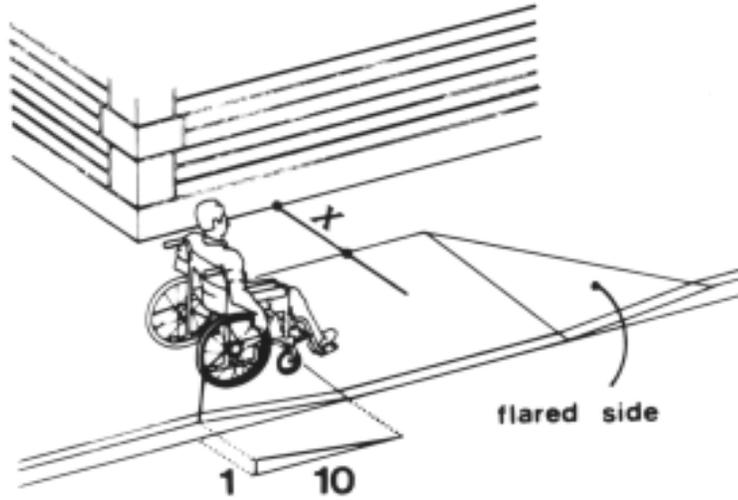
Slope of flared sides not to exceed 1:10

Curbcut does not protrude into pedestrian path

Max 1/2" lip at edge of road

COMMENTS:

CURB CUTS/CURB RAMPS



Built-Up Curb Ramp

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DROP-OFF & ENTRANCE AREAS

LOCATION

- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Is drop-off area within 100 feet of accessible entrance | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is there a 5' wide access aisle adjacent to & parallel to vehicle pull-up space? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

SURFACE CONDITION

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Is pavement smooth (no cracks or level changes more than 1/2")? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is slope less than or equal to 1:20? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is path of travel slip resistant and free from water ponding? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are any grate opening sizes a max. of 1/2" & perpendicular to route of travel? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

CURBCUT TO PATHWAY

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Is min. width of any curbcut 3' excluding sloped sides? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Does center of slope not to exceed 1:12 (unless insufficient space)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Does slope of flared sides not exceed 1:10? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Curbcut does not protrude into pedestrian path | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Max. 1/2" lip at edge of road | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

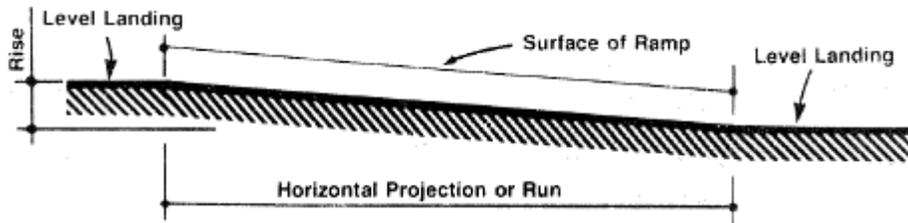
ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Is designated shelter area within 100 feet of accessible entrance? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Note: If more than 100 feet, route of travel should be marked with signs and provided with seating to allow people who experience difficulty walking distances to rest.

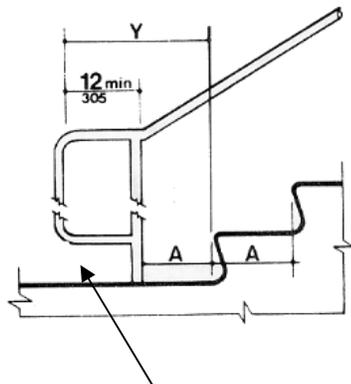
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RAMPS and HAND RAILS

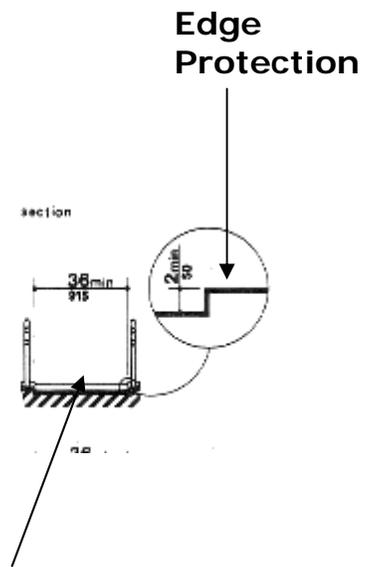
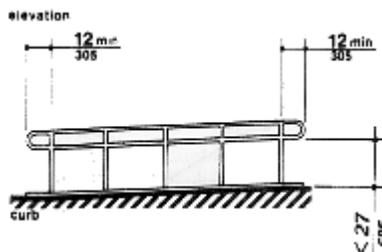


Measuring Slope

Slope = Rise of Ramp divided by the Run or Length of Ramp
In other words for every 1" of rise, there must be at least 12" of ramp



Extension at bottom of run between hand rails



Minimum width-3 feet

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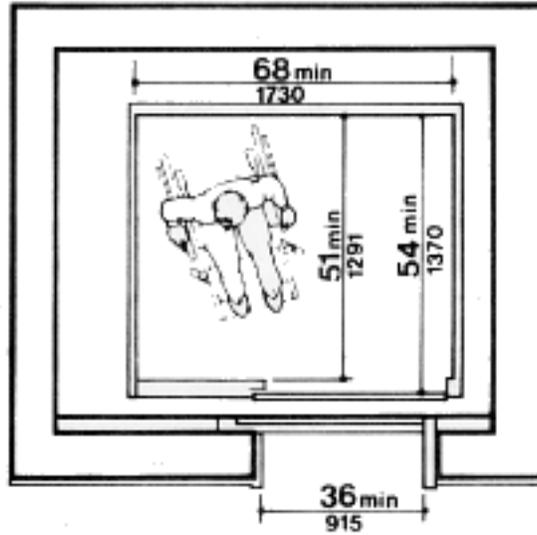
RAMPS

Well designed and constructed ramps can be used to provide both exterior and interior access. However, for safety as well as usability it is important that ramps meet certain minimum specifications, as indicated below:

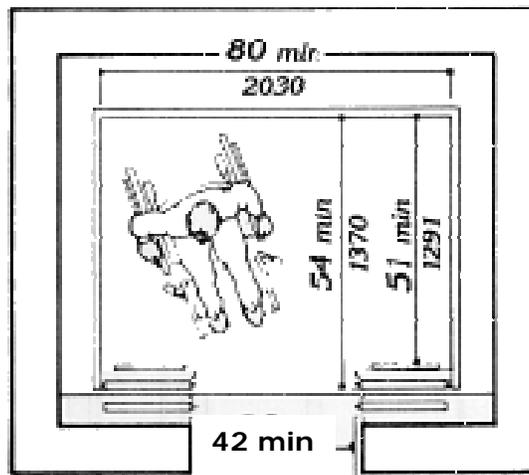
	Yes	No
Slope of ramp between 1:12 and 1:20	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum width 3 feet between handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-slip surface without cracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level platform at bottom, every 30 feet, and/or at every change of direction, and at top	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum platform is 5 ft. by 3 ft. if ramp is straight or 5 ft. by 5 ft. if ramp changes direction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ramps & landings with sheer drops have protection (railings, curbs etc.) to prevent slipping off edges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Railing on left side (if horizontal run is greater than 6 feet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Railing on right side (if horizontal run is greater than 6 feet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handrail is 34"-to-38" above ramp surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handrail extends minimum 1 foot beyond ramp at top	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handrail extends minimum 1 foot beyond ramp at bottom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handrail diameter is 1-1/4" to 1-1/2"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMENTS:

ELEVATORS



Inside Dimension of Elevator Cars (Side Off-Centered Door) Location



Inside Dimension of Elevator Cars (Centered Door) Location

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ELEVATORS

Elevators can greatly enhance the accessibility of multistory buildings. However, because electrical service may be interrupted in an emergency event, shelter planners should consider whether reliable power will be available to operate a facility's elevators before counting on them to ensure accessibility during an emergency. If elevators are to be considered as an element of a shelter facility's accessibility, they should meet the following minimum requirements:

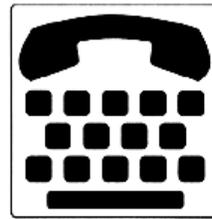
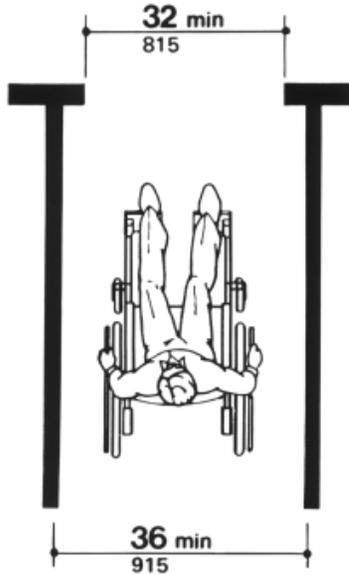
of floors served _____

of elevators in bank _____

	Yes	No
Elevator entrance is self-leveling to within 1/2 inch of lobby floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Door opening a minimum of 36"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reopening device activates when cab door is obstructed; door remains open min. of 20 seconds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cab size minimum 51" deep by 68" wide if door is off-center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cab size minimum 54" deep by 80" wide if door is centered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Top control on panel is maximum 54" high for side reach and 48" for front reach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency controls and telephone at bottom of panel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raised symbols and lettering for all control buttons and emergency controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raised and Braille floor designations on elevator doorjamb at 60" height	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middle of buttons at landing max. 42" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Audible signals in elevator cab and at landings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

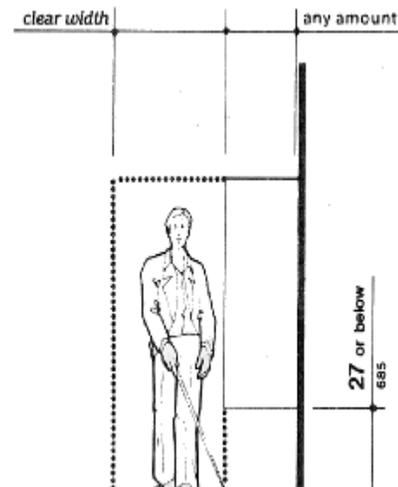
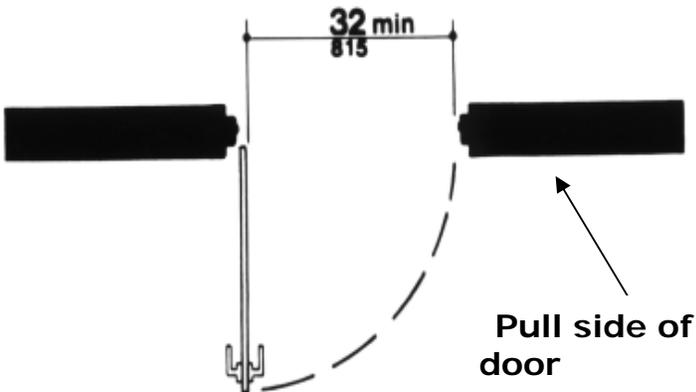
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CORRIDORS and Common Areas



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International TDD Symbol

Examples of Signage



Objects can't protrude more than 4" when mounted between 27" and 80" above floor

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The dimensions and requirements listed below can be applied to both the permanent features of a facility and to "corridors" and common areas created by portable partitions, furniture and other temporary arrangements needed for shelter operations.

NOTE: In estimating space requirements for registration area, health care and social services agencies, computer work stations, etc., be sure to allow sufficient room for wheelchair access (4 foot aisles and 5 foot turning circles).

If identical corridors exist on other floors, list floors numbers: _____, _____, _____

of doors leading into other corridors _____

of doors leading into rooms _____

CORRIDOR & DOORS

	Yes	No
36" minimum clear route, except at doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At doors minimum clear width of 32"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum 18" clearance beside latch on pull side of each door (24" required in CT Code)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Threshold beveled and maximum 3/4" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hardware operable with closed fist (levers, not knobs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easy to open (max. pressure 5 lbs.) and slow to close (minimum 3 seconds)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

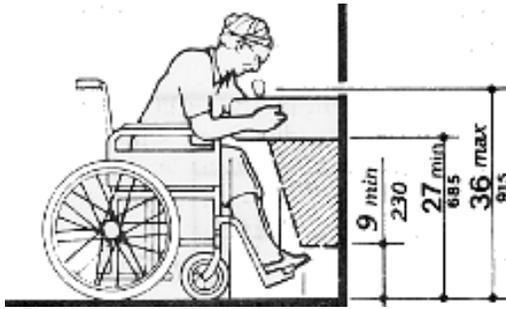
SIGNAGE

Signage raised and in Braille identifying restroom located on wall, near latch side, 60" above floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Directional signs to accessible toilet rooms at non-accessible toilet rooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Directional signs to TTY machine (if present)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

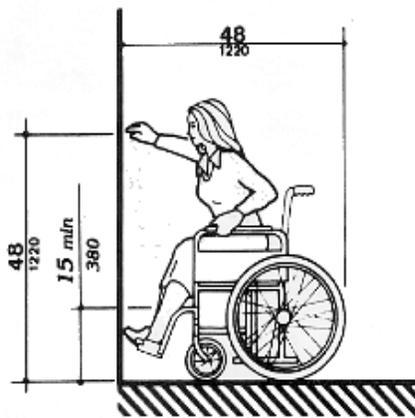
WIDTH & FLOOR SURFACE

Wall-mounted objects protrude no more than 4" when mounted between 27" and 80" above floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carpet is securely fastened with exposed edges attached to floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

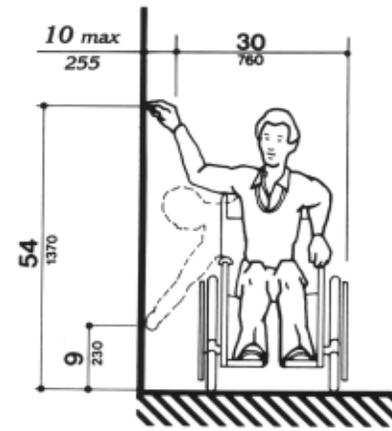
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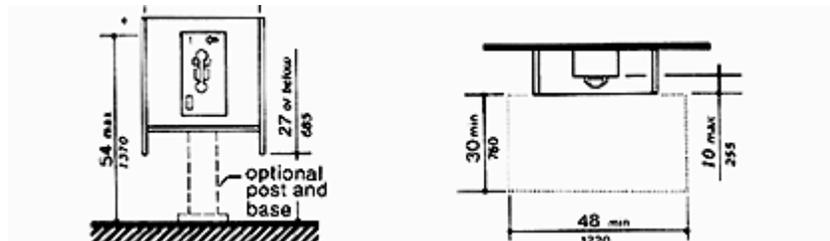
Drinking Fountain



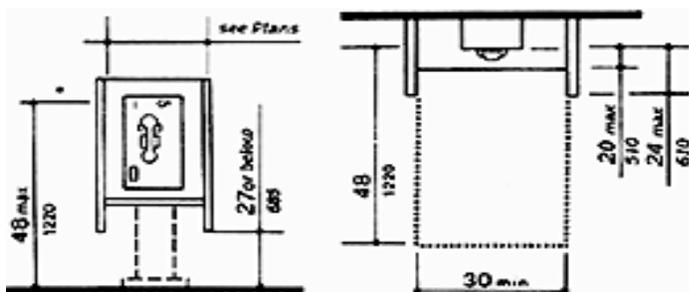
Forward Reach



Side Reach



Telephone Side Approach



Telephone Front Approach

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WIDTH & FLOOR SURFACE (CONTINUED)

	Yes	No
Doormats anchored at all edges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Edge strips at any change in materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Floor surfaces are stable, firm and slip resistant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Clear floor space 30" by 48" in front of phone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dial, handset and coin slot max. 54" above floor for side reach; 48" if front reach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there are 4 indoor phones, at least one has TTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At least one telephone per floor is amplified and accessible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Length of receiver cord minimum 29"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all television sets capable of displaying closed captions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

DRINKING FOUNTAINS

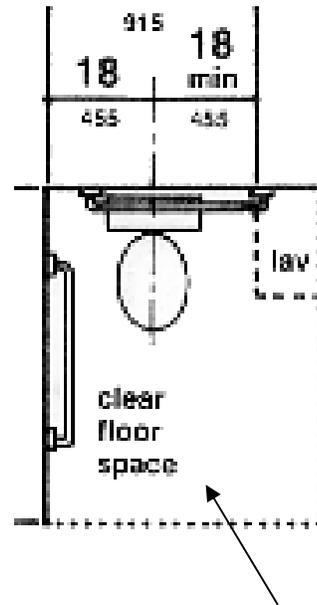
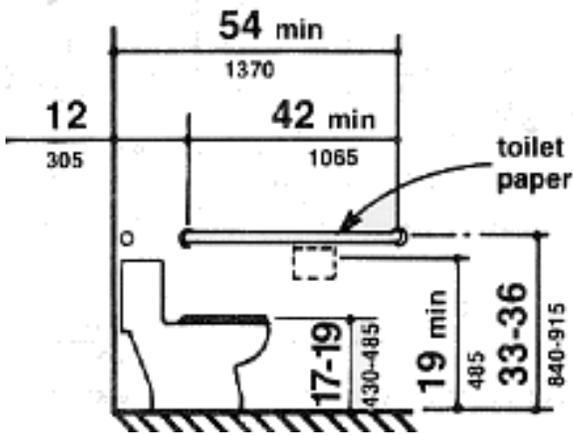
Clear floor space 30" by 48" in front of fountain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Controls operable with closed fist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level of spout maximum 36" above floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear knee space min. 27" above floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spout control on or near front edge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ALARM SYSTEM / CONTROLS

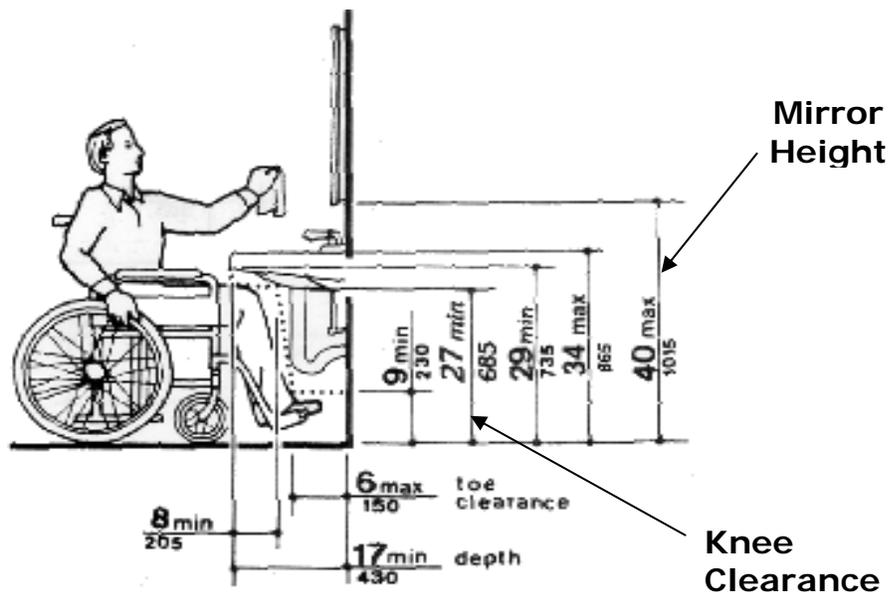
thermostats, intercoms and fire pull boxes:		
* maximum 54" above floor (side reach)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* maximum 48" above floor (forward reach)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flashing signal on fire alarm system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMENTS:

RESTROOMS



Clear Floor Space
 Minimum 5 foot diameter
 Turning space



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Accessible restroom facilities should meet the requirements listed below.

MAIN DOOR

	Yes	No
Clear width minimum 32"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum 18" unobstructed wall clearance beside latch on the pull side of door (24" preferred)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Threshold beveled and maximum 3/4" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hardware operable with closed fist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easy to open (max. pressure 5lbs.) and slow to close (minimum 3 seconds)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signage raised and in Braille identifying restroom, on latch side wall with centerline 60" above floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CLEAR TURNING SPACE

Minimum 5 foot diameter turning space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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SINK

Sink rim is maximum 34" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Front edge is min. 17" from back wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Knee space is min. 27" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Faucets are operable with closed fist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waste & hot water pipes below lavatory (sink) are insulated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ACCESSORIES

Bottom of at least one mirror is max. 40" from floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Highest operable of all dispensers at maximum 48" above floor (if forward reach), 54" (if side reach)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

URINALS

Rim maximum 17" above floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Men ____ Women ____ Unisex ____

TOILET STALL

Toilet is: (**Circle one**) Wall-Hung (WH) or Floor-mounted (FM)

Option1. Minimum width 60" & depth 56" (WH) or 59" (FM)

Option 2. Minimum width 48" & depth 66" (WH) or 69" (FM)

Yes No

TOILET STALL DOOR

Clearance width minimum 32"

Minimum 18" beside latch on the pull side

Latch operable with closed fist

Coat hook maximum 54" above floor for side reach and
48" for front reach

Pull device on inside of door 6" from hinge side

TOILET

Top of toilet seat 17- to - 19" above floor

Centerline of toilet 18" from side wall

Grab bars mounted parallel to floor 33-to-36" above floor:

* 36" long on back wall

* 42" long on side wall

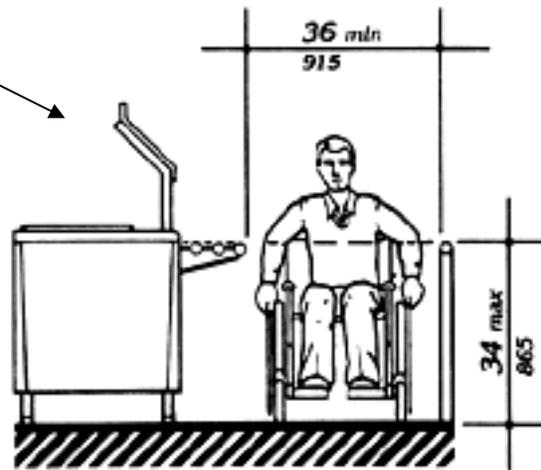
* 1-1/2" space between grab bar and wall

* Bars are 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 inches in diameter

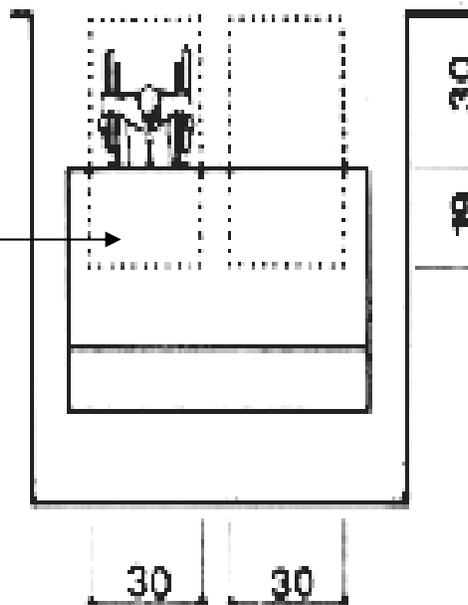
Swing-away bar mounted parallel to side bar, 30" above
floor fixed or locked when in use)

DINING AREA

Access
Aisle



Depth



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DINING AREA

Accessible dining facilities should meet the following requirements:

of overall seats in fixed-seat dining facility _____

of accessible spaces provided _____

SEATING IN FIXED SEAT FACILITIES

Yes No

At least 5% - and no fewer than one - accessible spaces at tables/places at counter are provided

Dining spaces at tables or counters provide –

* minimum 27" from floor in knee clearance

* 30" in width

* 19" in depth

Tabletop is maximum 34" from floor

FOOD SERVICE LINES

Food lines provide minimum 36" access aisle (42" recommended)

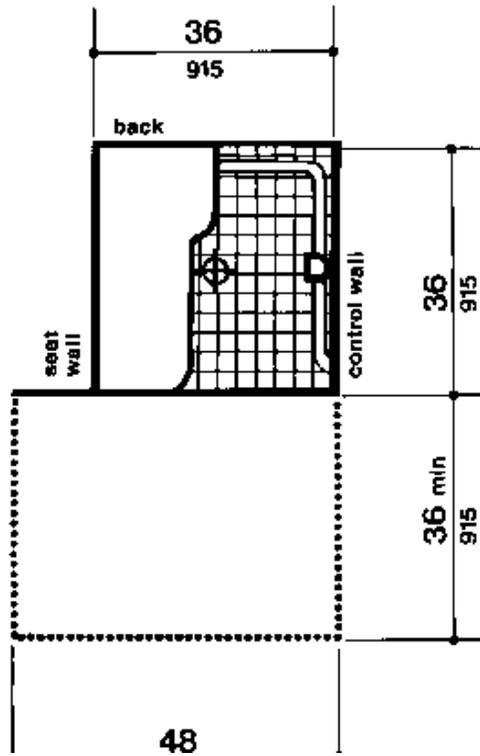
Tray slides no higher than 34"

COUNTERS

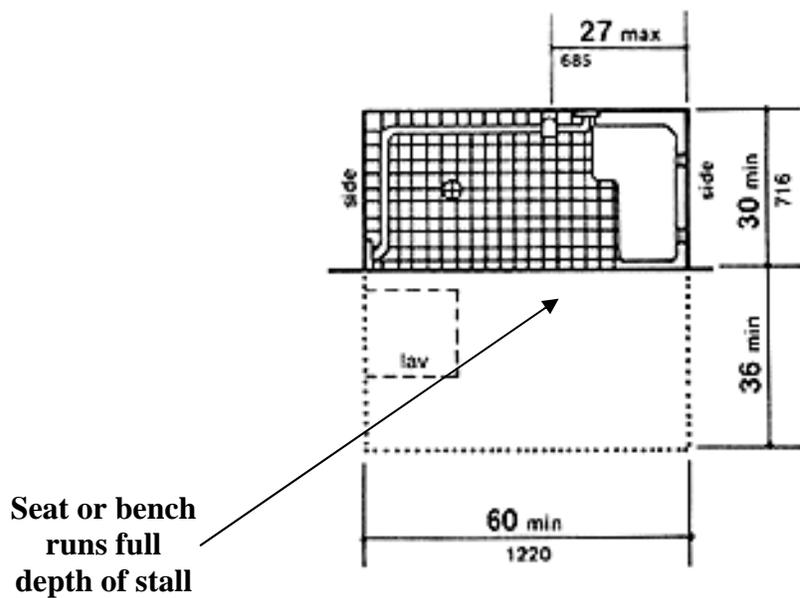
At least 36" of counter no more than 36" high

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TRANSFER SHOWER



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Optimally, a facility will be equipped with one or more "roll-in" or "transfer" shower stalls. These stalls are sized and equipped to accommodate people who need to sit on a bench while showering, and who may use a wheelchair or other mobility device. If no designated accessible shower stall exists, portable shower chairs or benches may help. However, some people will need back support as well as a bench to sit on, and everyone will need to be able to reach the controls while seated. Also, bear in mind that portable seats may be less stable.

Accessible shower facilities should meet the requirements listed below:

	Yes	No
Shower stall located on accessible route	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No curb, raised threshold or vertical rise of more than 1/2" at stall entrance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum 36" wide unobstructed maneuver space at approach to shower stall to facilitate front and side transfers to shower seat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stall dimensions - 3' x 3' or 3' x 5'	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fixed or fold down shower seat (recommend that seat be fixed folding seat to provide greater stability than portable benches) mounted so top of seat in transfer position is at 17" - 19" above floor (recommend 18" to facilitate level transfer from typical wheelchair seat height to seat)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seat or bench runs full depth of stall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If 3' x 3' stall, seat mounted on wall opposite controls; if 3' x 5' stall, seat mounted on wall adjacent to controls.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adjustable height shower head on hose at least 60" long usable as fixed or hand held. (Exception: if shower facility is unmonitored and vandalism is a problem, fixed shower head mounted at 48" above floor is allowed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Yes No

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| The adjustable height shower head mounted on slide bar adjustable from 36" to 60" | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Water and temperature controls have accessible hardware (workable without grasp, bend or twist of wrist) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Controls mounted no higher than 48" above floor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Grab bars located to assist transfers and offer stability while seated (but should not intrude into area at back of seat) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Grab bars 1-1/4" to 1-1/2" diameter mounted 1-1/2" from wall | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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SLEEPING ROOMS

Suggested specifications for "accessible" cots along with minimum floor space requirements are contained in "Universal Access Sheltering Space and Floor Plan Considerations". However, because facilities differ, other sleeping room arrangements may be necessary and, in some cases, even more desirable. The following specifications can be used in addition to the minimum space and furniture configurations referred to in the "Considerations" document:

	Yes	No
Sleeping arrangements with access aisle at least 4' in width	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bed or cot should be movable to provide additional maneuver space as needed on either side to facilitate transfers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessible bed or cot with mattress minimum of 36" wide, with height of 17" to 19" above floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mattress and box spring, if provided, firm enough to provide reasonably stable surface for transfer to and from wheelchair.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional storage, if provided, located on accessible route With clear floor space for a forward or parallel approach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hardware accessible (lever or loop type, usable without pinch, grasp or twist of the wrist)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shelves or closet rods, if provided, located within accessible reach ranges (max. 48" high for forward approach, 52" for side approach)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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