

Physical Accessibility of Community Spaces

Recommendation

Choose an accessible facility ahead of time for your emergency planning and response efforts. Your community emergency operations (e.g., resource centers, volunteer reception centers, etc.) need to be fully accessible including an accessible entrance, program space and bathroom to accommodate people with mobility disabilities.

Use a tape measure and follow the checklist below to ensure your facility is accessible. Note steps you plan to take to make your space more accessible.

Facility Entrance	Circle One		Next Steps
Signs pointing toward the accessible entrance	Yes	No	
Parking areas with space for accessible vans and cars connected to the entrance with no steps or obstructions	Yes	No	
Curb cuts in front of the building that are at least 36 inches wide	Yes	No	
Front door is at least 32" wide when open at 90 degrees	Yes	No	
Routes Inside of Facility			
Route from entrance to service or meeting area has no steps or obstructions	Yes	No	
All hallways are at least 36 inches wide, and all doors are 32 inches wide, with no objects more than 4 inches from walls	Yes	No	
All hallways and doors have at least 80 inches from floor to ceiling	Yes	No	
If elevators are the only way to travel to the service area, back-up elevator power is available	Yes	No	
Restrooms			
Marked with signage	Yes	No	
Area where a person in a wheelchair can turn around 60 inches	Yes	No	
Doorway at least 32 inches wide	Yes	No	
Sink drain and hot water pipes protected from contact	Yes	No	
Rim of sinks no higher than 34 inches	Yes	No	
Toilet is 17 to 19 inches high	Yes	No	
Stall is at least 60 inches wide and 56 inches deep (wall-mounted toilet) or 59 inches deep (floor mounted toilet)	Yes	No	
Stall door handle can be used with one hand and is no higher than 48 inches above the floor	Yes	No	
Two horizontal grab bars in the stall. A 42-inch long bar on the side walls 33 to 36 inches above the floor and a 36-inch long bar behind the toilet 33 to 36 inches above the floor	Yes	No	
A sink counter	Yes	No	

Additional Information

- www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/chap7shelterchk.htm#intro
- www.adachecklist.org