

DISABILITY ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS: COMMUNITY SURVEY CHECKLIST

Materials: this checklist, pencil or pen, clipboard, tape measure, camera, and a bag to hold items.

Directions: Answer each question by checking the yes (Y) or no (N) column. If you are assessing a particular place, start your assessment from the arrival point, such as a drop-off area, parking lot, and sidewalk. Optional links for learning more are included for selected topics.

LOCATION:	DATE:	Y	N
Parking Lot			
Are there accessible parking spaces?			
Are the accessible parking spaces close to the entrance? <i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-502.</i>			
Are the parking spaces labeled correctly with an accessible parking sign?			
Is there signage directing someone from the accessible parking area to an accessible entry?			
Is the area to load and unload from public (buses) or private vehicles accessible? <i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-503.</i>			
Walkways and Sidewalks			
Is there a ramp at the crosswalk or edge of the parking lot with raised bumps that indicates there is a transition from the sidewalk to the street. This is also called a curb cut. <i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-406.</i>			
Is the walkway to the building clear of debris? <i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-302.</i>			
Is the walkway a smooth surface? <i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/guides/chapter-3-floor-and-ground-surfaces/#firmness-stability-and-slip-resistance.</i>			
Is the walkway clear of obstructions, such as benches, trash cans, plants, or signs?			
Is the sidewalk at least 36 inches wide with no obstructions? Planters, benches, and similar items can be on the sidewalk, but they cannot intrude on the 36-inch width. <i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-403_5_1.</i>			
Is there an accessible route to an accessible entrance?			
Is there a sign that directs people to the accessible entrance? Even if the main entrance is accessible, it should have a sign indicating it is accessible. <i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-402.</i>			

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Ramps and Stairs			
<p>If there are steps to the entrance, is there a ramp that meets ADA requirements? Ramps must have a maximum of 12 inches of run to every 1 inch of rise. In other words, a ramp cannot be higher than 1 inch for every 12 inches of length.</p> <p><i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-405.</i></p>			
<p>Are there handrails on both sides of the stairs?</p> <p><i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-505.</i></p>			
<p>Are there handrails on both sides of the ramps?</p>			
Building Entrance			
<p>Is the doorway or entrance at least 32 inches wide?</p> <p><i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-404.</i></p>			
<p>Does the door have a handle or latch that can be opened with one hand or opened without tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist?</p> <p><i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-309_4.</i></p>			
<p>Is there an automatic door opener?</p> <p><i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-404_3.</i></p>			
<p>If there is an automatic door opener, is it clearly labeled?</p>			
<p>Can you open the door easily, or does it take a lot of strength?</p> <p><i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-404_2_9.</i></p>			
<p>Are there door mats secured to minimize tripping hazards?</p>			
Retail Stores, Restaurants, and Event Seating			
<p>If there is a check-out counter, can it be used by a person who is seated in a wheelchair or scooter?</p> <p><i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-904.</i></p>			
<p>If a person is seated in a wheelchair or on a scooter, can they easily drink from the water fountain?</p> <p><i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-602.</i></p>			
<p>If location has a self-serve drink machine, is it accessible?</p>			
<p>Are the cups, straws, and lids accessible?</p>			
<p>If the location is a movie theater or stadium, are there designated areas for wheelchair users and their companions where they can clearly see the activity?</p> <p><i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-802_2.</i></p>			

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Interior Spaces and Doorways			
Are interior doorways at least 32" wide?			
Do interior doors have levers or door handles that can be opened with one hand, or can be open without tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist?			
Is the route through the space at least 36 inches wide? <i>If there are retail racks, tables, desks, etc. the route through needs to be at least 36" wide</i>			
Are there objects in the public areas, such as drinking fountains, fire extinguishers, plants, sign, etc. that protrude into the pathway? <i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-307.</i>			
If there are interior ramps, do they meet the ADA requirements? <i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-405.</i>			
Do the interior ramps have handrails?			
If a person is seated in a wheelchair or on a scooter, can they reach the light switches?			
Elevators			
Is there an elevator to access other floors?			
Are there signs directing people to the elevator?			
Look inside the elevator. Are the buttons accessible to someone who is seated in a wheelchair or scooter? <i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-407_2_1.</i>			
Do the elevator buttons have Braille as well as visible numbers?			
Restrooms			
If restrooms are available to the public, is there at least one toilet room that is accessible?			
Is there a sign that directs people to the accessible restroom?			
Is there an accessible toilet, mirror, sink, soap, towel dispenser and trash receptacle? <i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-603.</i>			
Does the sink area have space for a wheelchair to roll under the counter to access the soap and water? <i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-606.</i>			
Can a wheelchair turn a circle inside the restroom? <i>Learn more at access-board.gov/ada/#ada-305.</i>			
Are there any barriers that prevent a full circle?			

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