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ADA Compliance

Common Provisions for Small Businesses

What is ADA?

ADA is the Americans with Disabilities Act. The ADA is a Federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities and opens doors for full participation in all aspects of everyday life.

While this brochure covers some basic requirements, comprehensive information about specific requirements, can be found in the International Building Code (Chapter 11) and the [Accessibility and Usable Buildings and Facilities \(ICC A117.1-2009\)](#) ANSI standard.

What are the most common provisions I should look for?

The most common ADA provisions noted in ICC A117.1-2009 that a small business should consider are:

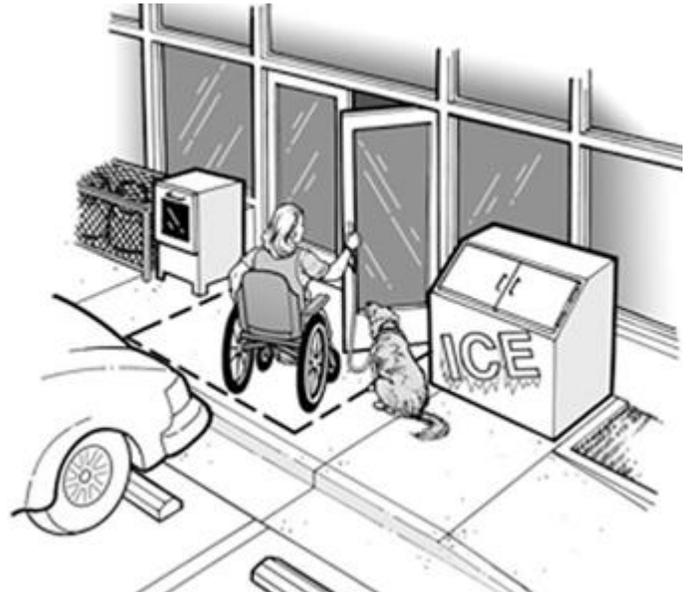
- Accessible Route (Chapter 4)
- Parking Spaces (Section 502)
- Sales and Service (Section 904)
- Dining or Work Surfaces (Section 902)

Accessible Route

An accessible route is typically required for the following:

- From an accessible parking space to the front door of the business
- Common use circulation paths within employee work and public areas.

It is important that items do not block the accessible route.



Parking Spaces

If not already provided, most small businesses will be required to provide at least one (1) accessible parking space.

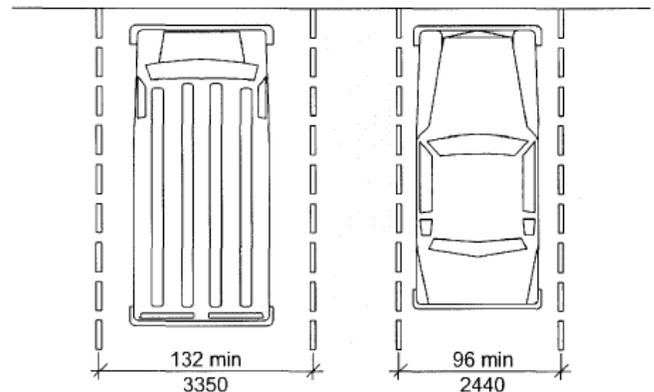


FIG. 502.2
VEHICLE PARKING SPACE SIZE

Parking spaces should have a clearly marked access aisle which measure 60" in width and continue the full length of the parking space.

Sales and Service Counters

Check-out aisles, countertops and service counters are required to meet minimum requirements for accessibility.

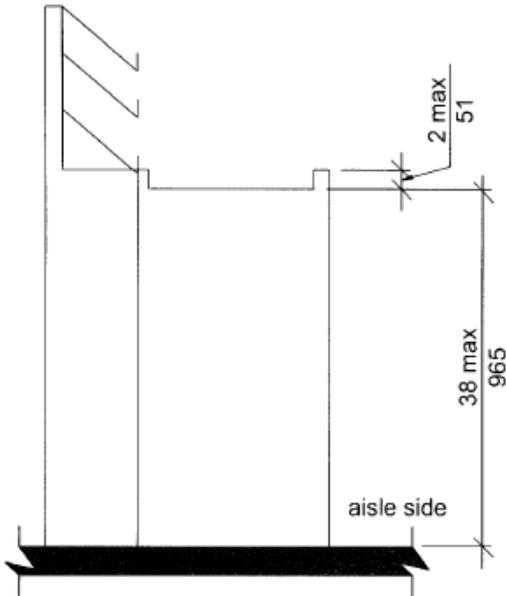
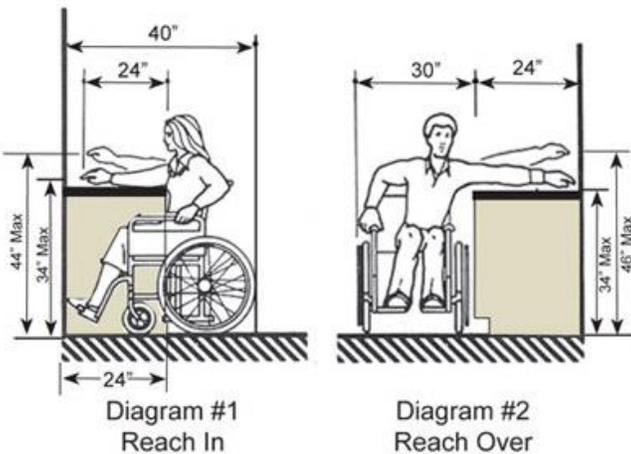


FIG. 904.4.2
HEIGHT OF CHECKOUT COUNTERS

If a reach is required, the following dimensions are required.



Dining or Work Surface Areas

In a dining area, tables should be spaced far enough apart so a person using a wheelchair can maneuver between the tables when patrons are sitting at them.

Some accessible tables must be provided and must be dispersed throughout the dining area rather than clustered in a single location.

Also note that if a dining or work surface is primarily used by children, there are special dimensions noted in Section 902.5.

Alterations

When a small business undertakes an alteration to any of its facilities, it must, to the maximum extent feasible, make the alteration accessible.

An alteration is defined as remodeling, renovating, rehabilitating, reconstructing, changing or rearranging structural parts or elements, changing or rearranging plan configuration of walls and full-height partitions, or changing the previous occupancy of the space.

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