

# NBSIA Member Services Safety Bulletin

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## ADA COMPLIANCE



The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) was enacted to prohibit discrimination against persons with disabilities in employment and in ac-

cess to public entities and accommodations. Although the following list is not exhaustive, it will help ensure that your school is in compliance with the ADA.

- Doors have an opening at least 32" wide (at the narrowest point below the opening hardware) when opened to 90 degrees.
- Maneuvering clearance available on each side of the door clear of movable objects (chairs, trash cans, plants, etc.).
- Door opening hardware be operated without grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist.
- Interior doors require less than 5 pounds of pressure to open.
- Portion of the counter surface at least 36" long and no higher than 36" above the finished floor.
- All visitor-operated controls (brochure and literature racks, hand sanitizers, etc.) between 15" and 48" from the floor.
- Written documents are available in large print or alternate formats, or readers are provided for the vision-impaired.
- The office has access to a telephone relay system or a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD).
- Knee/toe clearance under the meeting table at least 30" wide, between 9" and 27" and extending no more than 25" under the table at 9".
- Edges of floor mats stiff enough or secured so that they do not roll up.
- Objects that protrude more than four inches into a passageway (such as shelves, mail boxes or water fountains) are detectable by a blind person using a white cane if the leading edge is fewer than 27 inches above the floor.
- Restrooms that are marked as ADA compliant have grab bars behind and to the side of at least one toilet stall; the bars are mounted between 33 and 36 inches above the floor.
- Visual evacuation alarms are provided in the building in all public areas and rest rooms.

### Sources

[https://www.ocwr.gov/sites/default/files/adalist\\_1.pdf](https://www.ocwr.gov/sites/default/files/adalist_1.pdf)

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