

How to Comply with ADA Guidelines

Event planners must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Outdoor gatherings such as street festivals, fairs, music events, regattas, air shows, sports tournaments, parades, marathons, and political rallies must be accessible to people with disabilities. For example, organizers must provide ADA portable toilets or wheelchair accessible porta potties along routes of travel. This handy guide offers a brief overview of how the ADA guidelines will affect many aspects of your next event.

ADA Compliance for Outdoor Events



Temporary outdoor events must be accessible to people with disabilities. Event planners must comply with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and guidelines.

PARKING



One van accessible parking space is required for every 25 spaces.

ADA Parking Spaces



Spaces must be 96" wide with a 96" wide adjacent access aisle.



ADA parking spaces must be near an accessible entrance.



Barricades are perfect to temporarily define space needed for people using wheelchairs and to protect portable ramps.

ACCESSIBLE ROUTES TO EVENT ACTIVITIES & AMENITIES



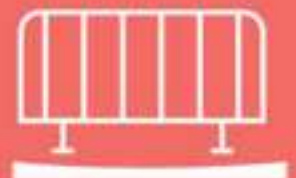
Routes within the event must be at least 36" wide.



Elevation changes greater than 1/4" vertical must be ramped.



Sidewalks and routes to public buildings must be at least 48" wide.



Barricades used to block off streets must be positioned so they do not interfere with accessible routes or curb ramps.

PUBLIC AREAS



Customer service counters must be a minimum clearance of 27" and a minimum width of 36" wide.

Registration and customer service counters must be no more than 36" high.



Booths for street festivals must have accessible routes to all activities and exhibits.

SIGNAGE



White characters on dark blue background maximizes visibility.



Include raised letters between 5/8 of an inch and 2". Use grade 2 Braille.



Inaccessible routes such as stairs must have a directional sign to the alternate "Accessible Route."

SEATING & DINING

All tables provide at least one space for wheelchair access.



Tables must be a maximum of 32" high and have a minimum clearance of 28".

If seating is provided, "Accessible Seating" with "Companion Seating" must be available.

PORTABLE TOILETS

5% of all portable toilets in each grouping of toilets must be ADA compliant.



ADA units should be equipped with maneuvering space, grab bars and toilet paper dispensers within reach.

Wheelchair accessible units must be positioned along an accessible route of travel and have adequate space for people in wheelchairs to maneuver into position or open the door and enter.