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Accessible Swimming Pools and Spas

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Session Agenda

- **Changes to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**
- **Impact on newly constructed, altered, and existing swimming pools and spas**
- **Other related provisions**
- **Review of provisions for swimming pools and spas and aquatic recreation facilities**
- **Questions/answers**

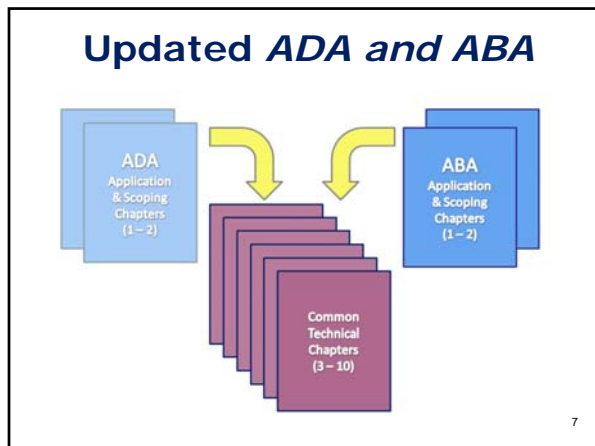
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Background and History

- **Early 90's - Recreation Access Federal Advisory Committee**
- **Board issues final rule – 2002** (later incorporated into revised into the ADA-ABA Accessibility Guidelines 2004)
- **Served on committees developing ANSI-NSPI-1 & WWA Aquatic Recreation Facility Standard**
- **Numerous educational opportunities and meetings to share information**

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New construction

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Architectural Barriers Act (ABA)

- Covers Federal facilities (e.g. pools at military facilities)
- Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standard (ABAAS)
- Newly constructed and altered pools –
 - GSA – May 2006
 - DOD – Oct 2008

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DOJ Adopts Revised ADAAG


- Amusement rides
- Boating facilities
- Fishing piers and platforms
- Sports facilities
- Play areas
- Golf courses
- Miniature golf courses
- **Swimming pools, wading pools, and spas**



"For the very first time, these rules will cover recreational facilities like amusement parks and marinas and gyms and golf facilities and swimming pools, and municipal facilities like courtrooms and prisons," Obama stated.

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Current ADA Standards




Option:
DOJ's 2010 standards
(mandatory March 15, 2012)

OR

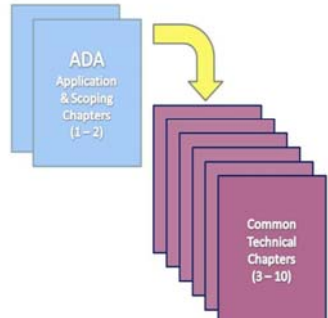

DOJ's 1991 standards
(until March 15, 2012)



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DOJ's ADA Standards (2010)

Excluding ABA Chapters 1 & 2 (pp. 72 – 140)

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Locating provisions

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Existing facilities

***A facility in existence
on any given date...***

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What Standards Apply to ADA Existing Facilities?

- Title II — Program accessibility
- Title III — Readily achievable barrier removal

*For more information, contact DOJ
@ 800 514-0301*

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Existing Facilities

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TITLE II

- "A public entity shall operate each service, program, or activity so that the service, program, or activity, when viewed in its entirety, is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities."
- Program accessibility
- Limited where actions would result in a "fundamental alteration in the nature of the program"

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Existing Facilities

PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION: PRIVATE ENTITIES – TITLE III

- Remove physical and communication barriers to existing facilities by persons with disabilities
- "Readily achievable"
- Easy to accomplish without much difficulty or expense

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Safe Harbor – Existing Facilities

- Elements that comply with 1991 Standards do not need to be modified to meet the 2010 Standards unless those elements are altered on or after March 15, 2012.

Safe Harbor does not apply to elements in existing facilities that were not subject to specific requirements in the 1991 Standards

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Elements in 2010 Standards Not Subject to Safe Harbor

- | | |
|---|---|
| (A) Residential facilities and dwelling units | (I) Saunas and steam rooms |
| (B) Amusement rides | (J) Swimming pools, wading pools, and spas |
| (C) Recreational boating facilities | (K) Shooting facilities with firing positions, |
| (D) Exercise machines and equipment | (L) Miscellaneous. |
| (E) Fishing piers and platforms | (1) Team or player seating |
| (F) Golf facilities | (2) Accessible route to bowling lanes |
| (G) Miniature golf facilities | (3) Accessible route in court sports facilities |
| (H) Play areas | |

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Non-complying new construction and alterations

- Constructed or altered before March 15, 2012 and **do not comply with the 1991 Standards** = meet the 1991 Standards or the 2010 Standards before March 15, 2012.
- Constructed or altered on or after March 15, 2012 and do not comply with the 1991 Standards = meet the 2010 Standards on or after March 15, 2012.

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Tax Incentives for Improving Accessibility



- Section 44 of IRS Code
- Tax credit - maximum credit \$5,000
- Tax deduction – maximum \$15,000

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Other facility provisions

ACCESSIBLE ROUTES, PARKING,
TOILET AND BATHING ROOMS,
LOCKER ROOMS, COUNTERS, SAUNAS
AND STEAM ROOMS, AND OTHER
SPACES AND ELEMENTS

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Accessible Vehicle Parking



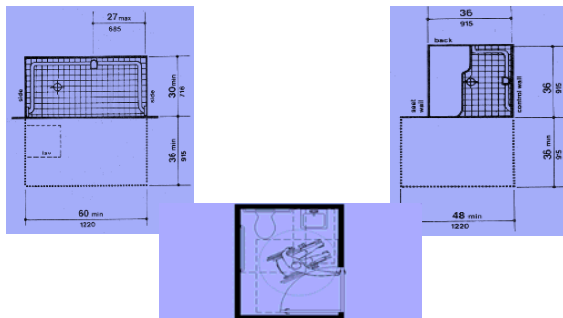
Total Parking Lot	Required Minimum Number of Accessible Spaces
1 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 to 300	7
301 to 400	8
401 to 500	9
501 to 1000	2 percent of total
1001 and over	20 plus 1 for each 100 over 1000

1 OF EVERY 6 = VAN SPACE

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Toilet and Bathing Facilities

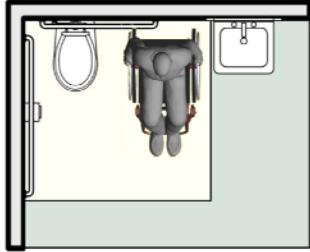


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Toilet Rooms

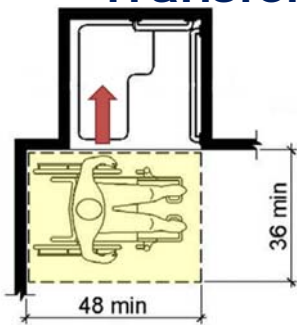
Allows space for side transfers



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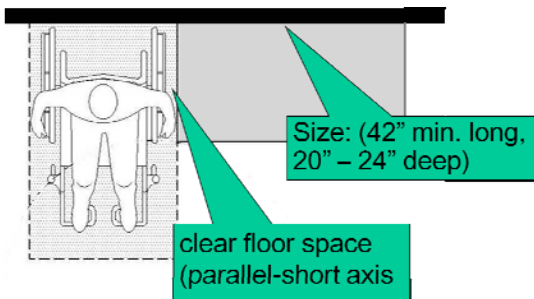
Bathing Facilities Transfer Stall



Clear floor
space
positioned for
alignment with
seat

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[changing] Benches (903)



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Dressing, Fitting, & Locker Rooms (222)

Access to at least 5% of each type of use in each cluster



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Saunas and Steam Rooms

- Where provided in a cluster, at least 5%, not less than one

- Turning space within the room—may be obstructed by readily removable seats

- Door swing can not swing into clear floor/ground space for bench



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Dining Surfaces (226)

- Access to at least 5%, not fewer than 1
- Knee clearance required
- Tops = 28 inches minimum – 34 inches maximum



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Sales & Service Counters (227 and 904.4)

227 Scoping

- Counters – 1 of each type

904.4 Technical

- 36 inches maximum
- Accessible part same depth
- Parallel or forward approach
- No alternatives
- Exception for alterations
- Security glazing – voice communication

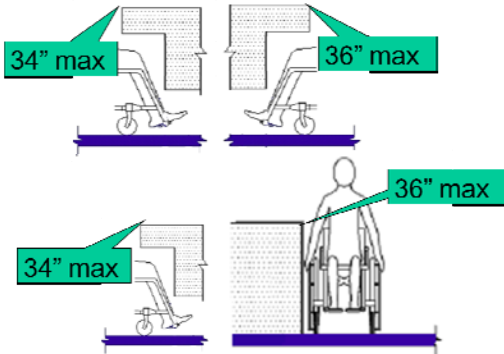


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Dining Surface (902)

Service Counter (904)



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Swimming pools, wading pools, and spas

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Swimming pools

- Required means of access into the water
 - Over 300 linear ft of pool wall = 2 (one primary)
 - Less than 300 linear ft of pool wall = 1 lift or sloped entry



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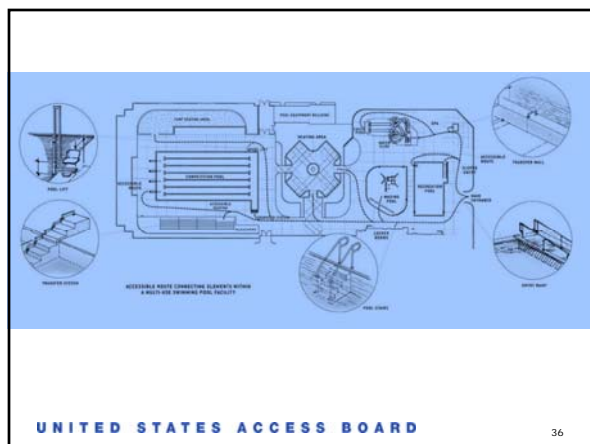
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PERMITTED MEANS OF POOL ACCESS					
POOL TYPE	SLOPED ENTRY	LIFT	TRANSFER WALLS	TRANSFER SYSTEMS	STAIRS
Swimming (less than 300 linear feet of pool wall)	✓	✓			
Swimming (300 or more linear feet of pool wall) —two means of entry required	✓*	✓*	✓	✓	✓
Wave action, leisure river, and other pools where user entry is limited to one area	✓	✓		✓	
Wading pools	✓				
Spas		✓	✓	✓	

*Primary means must be by sloped entry or lift; secondary means can be any of the permitted types.

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Sloped Entry

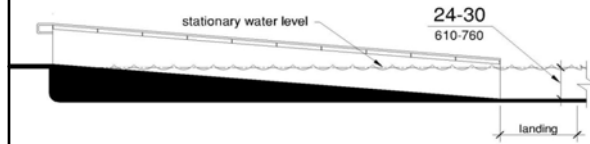


Fig. 72

Sloped Entry Submerged Depth

- Extend to 24 inches to 30 inches below stationary water level
- 1:12 maximum slope
- Handrails - 33 inches min - 38 inches max clear width

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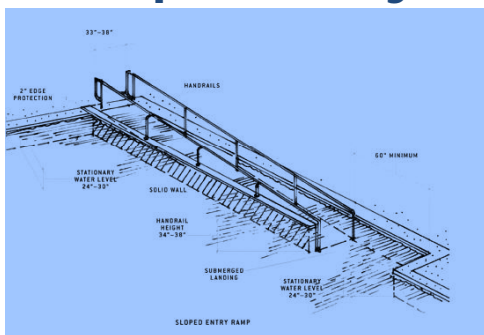
Sloped entry



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Sloped entry



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Pool Lift

- Located where water does not exceed 48 inches
- Footrests – must be provided and move with seat

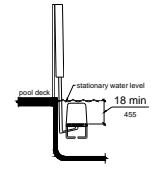


Fig 71
Pool Lift Submerged Depth

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Pool lift

- Armrest – if provided opposite water shall be removable or fold in raised or load position
- Capable of unassisted operation – both deck and water

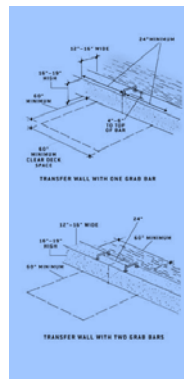


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Transfer Wall

- Clear deck space - 60 inches x 60 inches, slope 1:48 maximum
- Height – 16 inches to 19 inches



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- Clear space – 60 inches x 60 inches
- Centered on 24 inch width



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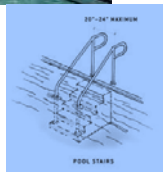
The diagram shows a perspective view of a platform and stairs assembly. Key dimensions are labeled:

- Platform Dimensions:** 18" MINIMUM PLATFORM (length), 6'-0" (width), 18"-19" (height).
- Steps:** 8" MAXIMUM STEPS (rise).
- Stair Width:** 36" MINIMUM.
- Clearance:** 14"-15" clearance above the platform.
- Reference:** A dashed line indicates the "STATIONARY WATER LEVEL".

TRANSFER SYSTEM PLATFORM AND STEPS

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- Comply with stairs provisions, except as modified
- Handrail width 20 to 24 inches
- Extensions not required at bottom landing



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Spas

- At least one means of entry:
 - Lift - footrests not required
 - Transfer wall
 - Transfer system
- Where provided, in a cluster, 5% but not less than one



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Wading pools

- At least one sloped entry - handrails not required
- Extend to the deepest part of the wading pool



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Aquatic Recreation Facilities

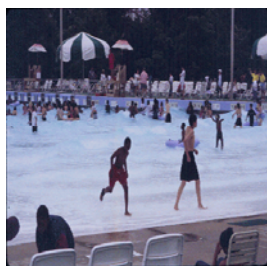
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Wave action pools

- One means of access
- Pool lift, sloped entry, or transfer system
- Clear width of handrails on slope entry does not apply



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Leisure rivers

- One means of access
- Pool lift, sloped entry, or transfer system



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Water slides

- Access not required to the top of the water slide
- Accessible route required to edge of catch pool



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Diving boards and raised platforms

Accessible route not required to serve raised diving boards or diving platforms



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Water Play Components



Ground level access and transfer access to elevated play components required



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Technical Assistance Material



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Where to direct questions



U.S. Department of Justice

- Implementing regulation and additional requirements
- Requirements for existing facilities – title II & III

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