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Accessible Detention and Correctional Facilities
August 2, 2012
Detention and Correctional Facilities

Session Agenda
• unique provisions & exceptions
• common use areas
• accessible cells
• visiting areas

New ADA Standards

DOJ’s 2010 standards
(mandatory March 15, 2012)

ADA and ABA Standards

ADA Standards (2010):
State & Local Government Facilities

ABA Standards (2006):
Federal Facilities
Detention & Correctional Facilities

Facilities where people are *detained for penal or correction purposes*, or in which the *liberty of the inmates is restricted for security reasons*

Unique Provisions/ Exceptions

- Entrances & Doors
- General Exceptions
- Vertical Access
- Means of Egress/ ARAs
- Drinking Fountains
- Signs
- Telephones
- Holding & Housing Cells

Accessible Entrances (§206.4)

Detainee/ Inmate Entrances: at least 1
Restricted Entrances: at least 1 (if provided)
Public Entrances: 60% min.
**Entrances & Doors (§404.1)**

Exceptions for manual doors operated **only** by security personnel:

- Hardware
- Closing speed
- Opening force

Automatic doors: only clear width & threshold requirements apply

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**Entrances (§206.8)**

Bollards and other security barriers cannot obstruct accessible routes

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**Entrances**

Accessible route required through or around security screen devices

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Communication Systems (§230)

2-Way Communication Devices:
Visual and audible signals required

General Exceptions (§203.3)

Exempt: Areas raised primarily for purposes of security (e.g., guard tower) or life/fire safety

General Exceptions

Exception also applies to raised interior spaces used by personnel to monitor detainees and inmates
Other Exceptions
Apply only to inmate or detainee use areas, not to public use areas

Common Use Areas (§203.7)
Exempt:
Common use areas used by inmates/detainees that do not serve accessible cells

Common Use Areas
Exception does not apply to any common use areas serving accessible cells
Common Use Areas
Elements provided must comply (e.g., dining/work surfaces, drinking fountains, phones, etc.)

Drinking Fountains (§211.1)
Dual access (from standing and seated positions) required at drinking fountains provided in secured areas
Exempt:
Units serving only inaccessible cells

Telephone: TTYs (§217.4)
At least 1 TTY required if payphone provided in secured area for detainees/inmates
Requirements for volume control and wheelchair access also apply to provided phones
**Vertical Access (§206.2.3)**

Access between stories is required when part of an accessible route to:

- accessible cells
- all common use areas serving accessible cells
- all public use areas

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**Vertical Access (§206.2.3)**

Vertical access **not** required to levels without accessible cells or public/common use spaces required to be accessible

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**Stairways (§210.1)**

Exempt: Stairs in non-public areas
Means of Egress (§207.1)

Standards reference to the International Building Code

Exception:
Areas of refuge not required in detention/correctional facilities

Signs (§216.1)

Exempt:
Signs not located in public use areas

Signs in public use areas must fully comply

Common Use Areas

Exempt: stairs, raised security areas, signs

Covered elements include fixed tables, phones, drinking fountains
Holding & Housing Cells

Holding & Housing Cells (§232)
DOJ standards: enhanced scoping and dispersion requirements §35.151(k)

Holding & Housing Cells
Mobility Access (ADA Standards)
• at least 3% (no fewer than 1)
• Distribution in each classification level

Federal Facilities:
• 3% min. (Bureau of Prison design guidelines)
Holding & Housing Cells
Alterations (ADA Standards)

Access to substitute cells permitted if:

• Integrated with other cells
• Equivalent access to programs & services
• Located on same site
(allowed on other site in system only if compliance is technically infeasible)

Special Use Cells

Access to at least 1 cell serving each purpose

Examples:
• disciplinary detention/ segregation
• protective custody
• orientation, detoxification
• medical isolation

Housing & Holding Cells
Communication Access

2% min. scoping for cells:

• equipped with audible emergency alarm systems
• permanently installed telephones
Medical Care Facilities (§223)

Scoping for patient bedrooms in medical and long-term care facilities applies (whether or not facility is licensed)

Holding & Housing Cells (§807)

• Turning space
• Benches (where provided)
• Beds (where provided)
• Toilet & bathing Facilities

Holding & Housing Cells

• Access to at least 1 bench
• Turning Space (60” circle or T-shape)
• Doors (exceptions if operated only by security personnel)
Housing Cells: Beds

- Access to at least 1 (5% in cells with > 25 beds)
- Clear floor space for parallel approach
- Bed height: 17”-19” recommended

Other Elements

Other fixed elements provided in cells must comply (e.g., work/writing surfaces, storage, etc.)

Toilet Facilities

Full compliance for water closets serving accessible cells (location, clearance, grab bars, etc.)
Toilet Facilities

Lavatory cannot overlap water closet clearance

Toilet Facilities

Water closet & lavatory clearances can overlap; knee/toe space at lavatory 17” deep min.

Toilet Facilities

Combination units that comply can be used; otherwise separate fixtures required

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Combination units: compliant grab bars and water closet clearance

Toilet Facilities

Combination units: compliant lavatory, including clearance and knee/toe space

Toilet Facilities

Grab bars: not required in cells specially designed without protrusions for suicide prevention (required in all other accessible cells)

Infill plates can be used but cannot obstruct gripping surface
Bathing Facilities

Bathing facilities serving accessible cells must have at least 1 accessible shower (transfer stall or roll-in) or tub.

Bathing Facilities: Showers

Fixed shower (48” max. high) can be used instead of hand-held shower spray unit.

Visiting Areas

• Access on both visitor and inmate side (at least 1 counter or 5% of cubicles) in each area
• Method to facilitate voice communication where security glazing provided
• Volume control if handset provided
Visiting Areas

Swing-away seats can be located at accessible counters (must fully clear wheelchair space)

Other Requirements

Additional requirements of the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act:

• Program Access
• Reasonable Modifications
• Effective Communication

See DOJ’s ADA Regulations (§35.152)

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