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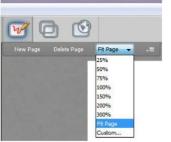




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Accessible Assembly Areas

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Session Agenda

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- Assistive Listening Systems
- Accessible Routes
- Wheelchair Spaces
 - Size and Location
 - Companion Seating
 - Integration and Dispersion

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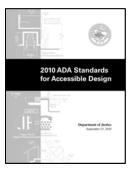
Accessibility Standards

Laws Requiring Accessibility

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Architectural Barriers Act (ABA)
- Rehabilitation Act

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ADA Standards for Accessible Design



DOJ Issued 2010 ADA Standards

Based on Board's ADA-ABA Guidelines (2004)



Key 2010 ADA Standards Sections

35.151(g) Assembly Areas (Title II Facilities)

36.406(f) Assembly Areas (Title III Facilities)

2004 ADAAG:

206 Accessible Routes

219 Assistive Listening Systems

221 Assembly Areas

706 Assistive Listening Systems

802 Wheelchair Spaces, Companion Seats, Designated Aisle Seats

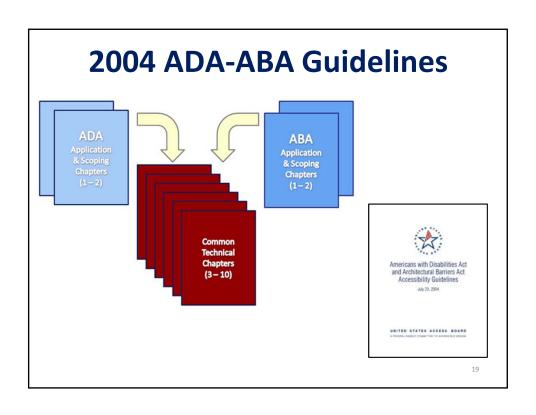


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Architectural Barriers Act

Covers:

- facilities that are designed, constructed, altered, or leased by, or on behalf of the United States
- facilities receiving certain types of Federal Financial assistance.



ABA Standards ("F")

F206 Accessible Routes

F219 Assistive Listening Systems

F221 Assembly Areas

706 Assistive Listening Systems

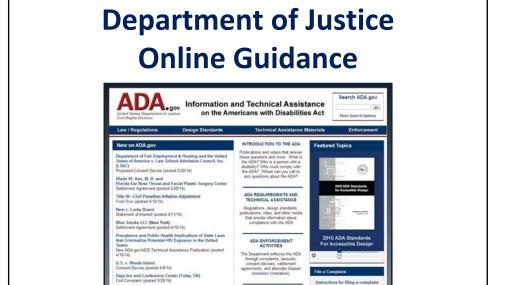
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106.5 Defined Terms

Assembly Area:

"A building or facility, or portion thereof, used for the purpose of entertainment, educational or civic gatherings, or similar purposes."





Examples of Assembly Areas

- classrooms
- lecture halls
- courtrooms
- public meeting rooms amphitheaters
- legislative chambers
- motion picture houses
 stadiums
- auditoria
- theaters

- playhouses
- dinner theaters
- concert halls
- arenas
- grandstands
- convention centers

Assistive Listening Systems

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Assistive Listening Systems

Required where (219.2):

- audible communication integral to use of space
- where no audio amplification exception
- courtrooms do not get exception





Not triggered by fixed seating or occupant load

Assistive Listening Systems 219.3 Receivers

Table 219.3 Receivers for Assistive Listening Systems

Capacity of Seating in Assembly Area	Minimum Number of Required Receivers	Minimum Number of Required Receivers Required to be Hearing-aid Compatible
50 or less	2	2
51 to 200	2, plus 1 per 25 seats over 50 seats ¹	2
201 to 500	2, plus 1 per 25 seats over 50 seats ¹	1 per 4 receivers ¹
501 to 1000	20, plus 1 per 33 seats over 500 seats ¹	1 per 4 receivers ¹
1001 to 2000	35, plus 1 per 50 seats over 1000 seats ¹	1 per 4 receivers ¹
2001 and over	55 plus 1 per 100 seats over 2000 seats ¹	1 per 4 receivers ¹

1. Or fraction thereof.

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Assistive Listening Systems

706 Technical Provisions

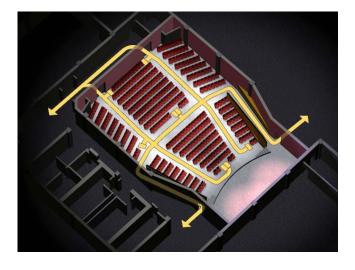


- Receiver Jacks
- Receiver Hearing-Aid Compatibility
- Sound Pressure Level
- Signal-to-Noise Ratio
- Peak Clipping Level

Accessible Routes

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Accessible Routes 206.2.4 Spaces and Elements



206.2.4 Spaces and Elements



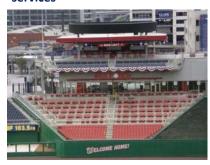
Exception 2:

An accessible route is not required to serve fixed seating where there are no required wheelchair spaces complying with 221

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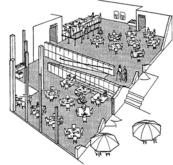
206.2.5 Restaurants and Cafeterias

206.2.5, Exception 3
Tiered dining area providing seating required to comply with 221 and each tier with the same services



At least 25 percent of the dining area shall be on an accessible route

206.2.5
Multi-level restaurant with dining tables and chairs

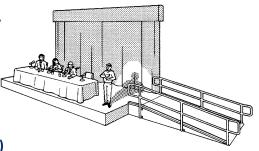


All dining levels shall be connected by an accessible route, including raised or sunken, and outdoor dining areas

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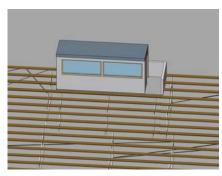
206.2.6 Performance Areas

- Accessible route required where circulation path directly connects a seating area to performance area
- Accessible route to ancillary areas or facilities used by performers
- Platform lifts permitted to provide accessible route to performance areas and speakers platforms (206.7.1)

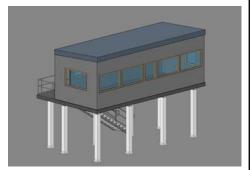


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206.2.7 Press Boxes Exceptions



Bleachers: entry at only one level – aggregate area of all press boxes 500 square feet max



Free Standing:
Above grade 12 feet min. –
aggregate area of all press
boxes 500 square feet max

221.5 Lawn Seating

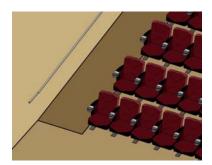


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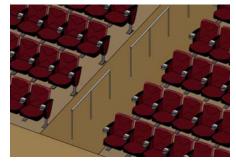
Access Route to lawn seating and exterior overflow seating areas where fixed seats are not provided

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Handrails Exceptions for 505.2 and 505.3



not required on both sides



not required to be continuous in aisles serving seating

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Variety of Size and Types of Spaces







221.2.1.1 Number and Location

Total Seating	Minimum Wheelchair Spaces	
4 to 25	1	
26 to 50	2	
51 to 150	4	
151 to 300	5	
301 to 500	6	
501 to 5000	6 + 1 for each 150 over 501	
5001 and over	36 + 1 for each 200 over 5000	

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Wheelchair Spaces

221.2.1.1 Small Assembly Areas

1991 Standards

capacity 51 to 300 4 wheelchair spaces



capacity 151 to 300 5 wheelchair spaces



221.2.1.1 Large Assembly Areas



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Wheelchair Spaces

221.2.1.1 Large Assembly Areas

1991 Standards

capacity 501 or more 1 percent +1 wheelchair spaces

2010 Standards

capacity 501 - 5000 6 + 1 for each 150

capacity 5001 or more 36 + 1 for each 200

Maintenance of Accessible Features

§ 35.133(c); § 36.211(c)

If the 2010 Standards reduce the technical requirements or the number of required accessible elements below the number required by the 1991 Standards, the technical requirements or the number of accessible elements in a facility subject to this part may be reduced in accordance with the requirements of the 2010 Standards..

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Wheelchair Spaces



221.2.1.2
Luxury Boxes,
Club Boxes and
Suites

Calculated box by box and suite by suite

221.2.1.3 Other Boxes



Tiered boxes designed for spatial or acoustical purposes

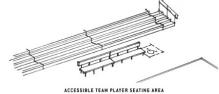
20 percent of the **total seats** in all boxes

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Wheelchair Spaces

221.2.1.4 Team and Player Seating





At least one wheelchair space shall be provided

35.151(g)(3) and 36.406(f)(3)

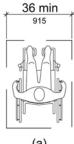


When wheelchair spaces are not used, individual removable seats may be placed in those spaces

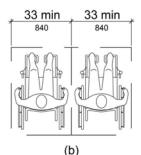
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Wheelchair Spaces

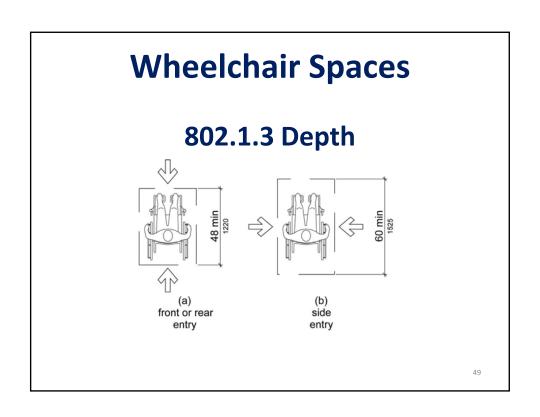
802.1.2 Width

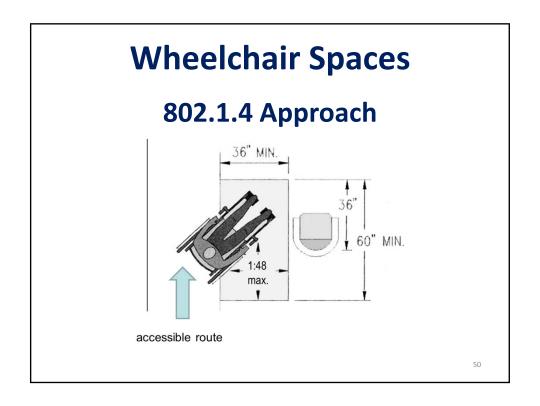


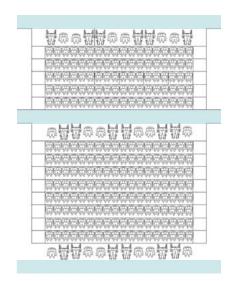
single space



two spaces





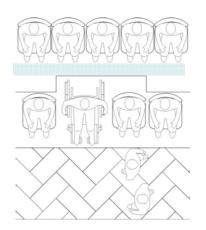


802.1.4 Approach

Accessible routes shall not overlap wheelchair spaces

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Wheelchair Spaces



802.1.5 Overlap

Wheelchair spaces shall not overlap circulation paths

aisle width required by applicable building or life safety code

Companion Seats

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Companion Seats

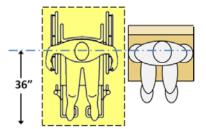
221.3 Number



At least one companion seat for each wheelchair space

Companion Seats

802.3.1 Alignment



Shoulder to shoulder

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Companion Seats

802.3.1 Alignment



Same floor elevation

Companion Seats

802.3.2 Type



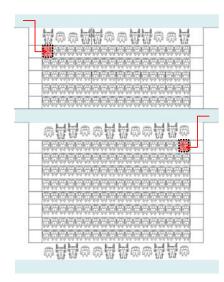


Equivalent in size, comfort, quality and amenities Permitted to be moveable

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Designated Aisle Seats

Designated Aisle Seats



221.4 Number and Location

5 percent of the total number of aisle seats

Located closest to accessible routes

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Designated Aisle Seats

802.4 Armrests and Identification

Folding or retractable armrests on aisle side of seat

Identified by a sign or marker



Integration and Dispersion

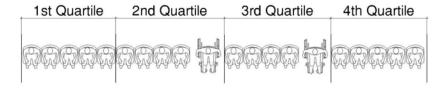
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Horizontal Dispersion

221.2.3.1

Wheelchair spaces shall be dispersed horizontally Exception:

300 seats or less if wheelchair spaces & companion seats are located in the 2nd or 3rd quartile of row



Horizontal Dispersion 35.151(g)(2) or 36.406 (f)(2)

Around the field of play or performance area



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Vertical Dispersion

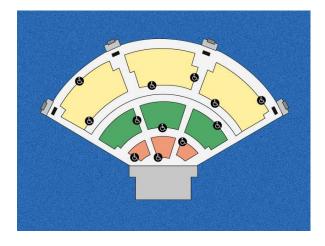
221.2.3.2



Wheelchair spaces shall be dispersed vertically at varying distances from the screen, performance area or playing field.

Exception 1
300 seats or less if viewing angles are equivalent

Vertical Dispersion 221.2.3.2

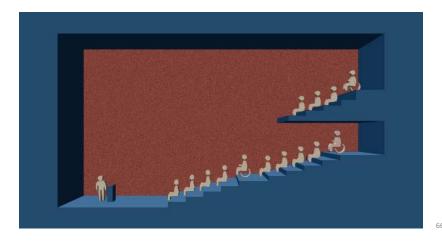


At varying distances from the screen, performance area, or playing field

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Vertical Dispersion

In each balcony or mezzanine that is located on an accessible route



Vertical Dispersion



221.2.3.2

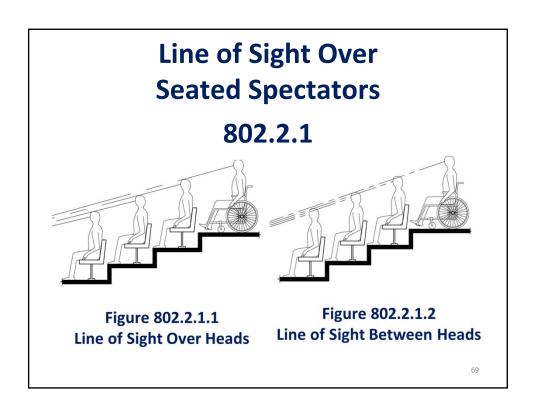
Exception 2:

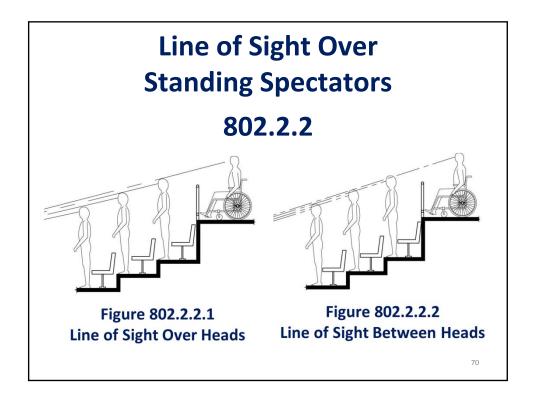
In bleachers, wheelchair spaces shall not be required to be provided in rows other than rows at points of entry to bleacher seating.

However, choose entry points that will provide wheelchair spaces with viewing angles that are substantially equivalent to or better than those of all other spectators.

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Lines of Sight





Stadium Style Movie Theaters 35.151(g)(4) or 36.406(f)(4)



Located on a riser or cross-aisle in the stadium section

- within the rear 60%
- with vertical viewing angles (as measured to the top of the screen) from the 40th to the 100th percentile

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Removable Seats and Platforms

Platforms 35.151(g)(3) and 36.406(f)(3)



Wheelchair spaces and companion seats are not located on (or obstructed by) temporary platforms or other movable structures

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