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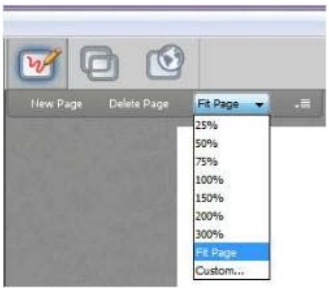

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Rulemaking Update

- Information and Communications Technology
- Public Rights of Way
- Transportation Vehicles
- Passenger Vessels
- Medical Diagnostic Equipment
- Self-service Transaction Machines

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Classroom Acoustics

What is the status of Classroom Acoustics? Has the Access Board adopted the ICC ASC performance criteria, design requirements, and guidelines?

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Historic Facilities

If a qualified historic building burns to its foundation, can you rebuild an exact replica of it on the existing foundation and use the ADA's historic building exceptions?

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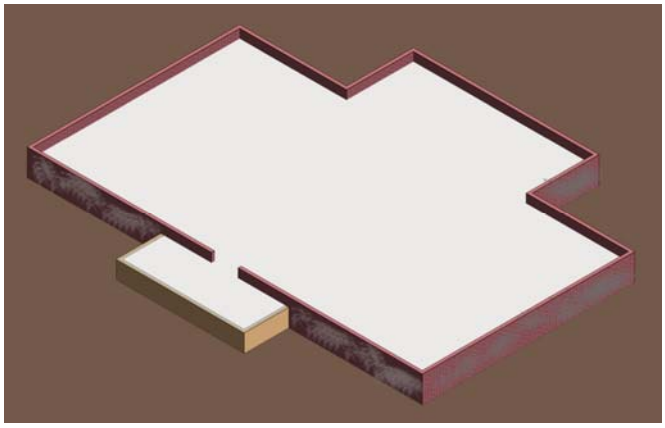
"Historic Foundation"



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Floor Surfaces

Is replacing a floor surface an alteration and would this alteration trigger the path of travel obligation in an area containing a primary function?

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Alterations

Example: Carpet

Replacement = alteration
(new carpet must comply)

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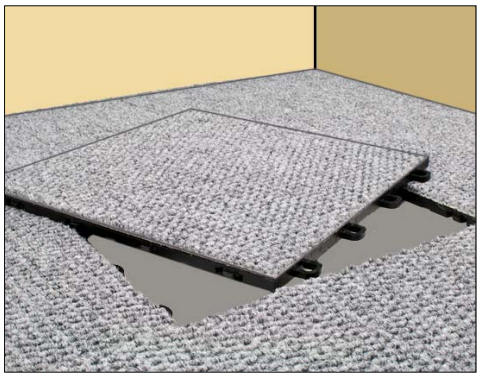
Alterations

Example: Carpet repair

Patch tears, replace loose/missing tiles = maintenance



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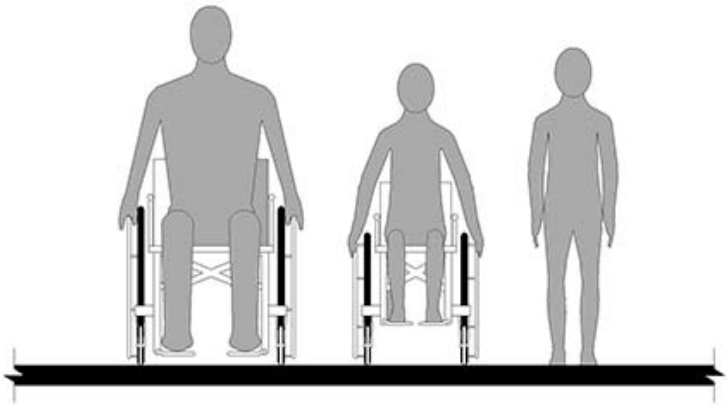
Requirements for Children vs. Adults



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Exceptions to Adult Provisions

All the provisions for children's elements are in the form of exceptions to the requirements for adult dimensions. These exceptions may be used when children 12 years old and younger are the primary users of the element. Elements covered include:

- drinking fountains (§602)
- water closets and toilet compartments (§604)
- lavatories and sinks (§606) and
- dining and work surfaces (§902).

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Artificial Turf

What part of the Standard must artificial turf comply with?

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Artificial Turf

Artificial turf is considered to be carpet and must comply with the requirements of section 302 generally and 302.2 specifically where it is used as part of an accessible route or in an accessible space.

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Training

Is there training available to be certified as an ADA inspector or plans checker?

No

The Federal Government does not certify, approve, or otherwise endorse any plans, products, or training related to ADA compliance.

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Apartment Entrances

Are apartments required to have accessible entrances if not renting to a person with a disability?

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Entrances

All buildings covered by the ADA Standard must have accessible entrances.

The Fair Housing Act may also apply.

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Private Residential Facilities

Is a clubhouse used only by residents in a privately funded single-family detached housing development required to be accessible?

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Private Residential Facilities

Generally, privately owned residential facilities are not covered by the ADA. This would include those parts of the development such as club houses and swimming pools as long as they are not open to the general public.

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Private Residential Facilities

Do State or local government grants or loans change how these facilities are covered?

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Private Residential Facilities

Grants or loans from State or local governments do not trigger Title II requirements onto the private entity.

However, as State and local governments have their own program access requirements they will likely pass on these requirements to the private entity as part of their contractual agreements.

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Roof Accessibility

When is an accessible route required to a building's roof top?

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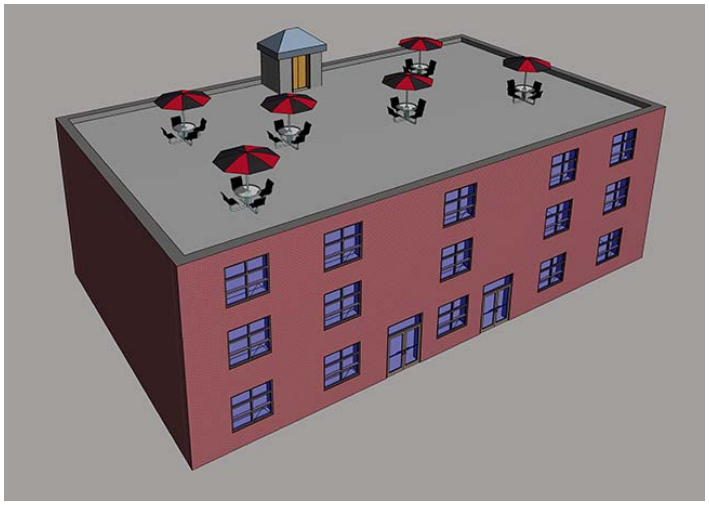
Access to Roof Top Amenities



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Door Surfaces

What kind of elements do not comply with the door surface requirements of section 404.2.10?

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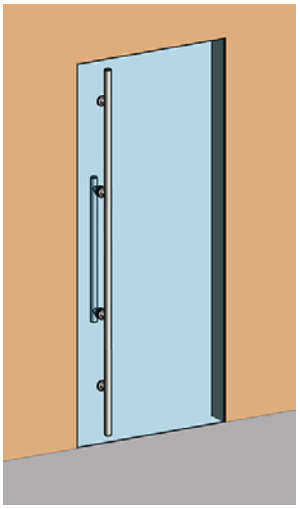
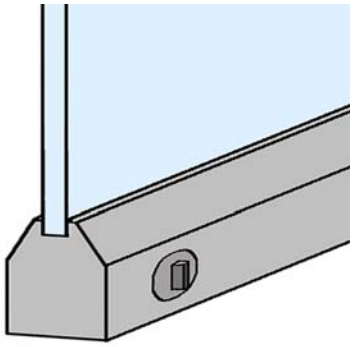
Door Surfaces





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Protruding Objects

Can things like utility boxes be in the accessible route?

Elements that protrude into circulation paths must meet requirements for detectability and cannot obstruct the width of the accessible route.

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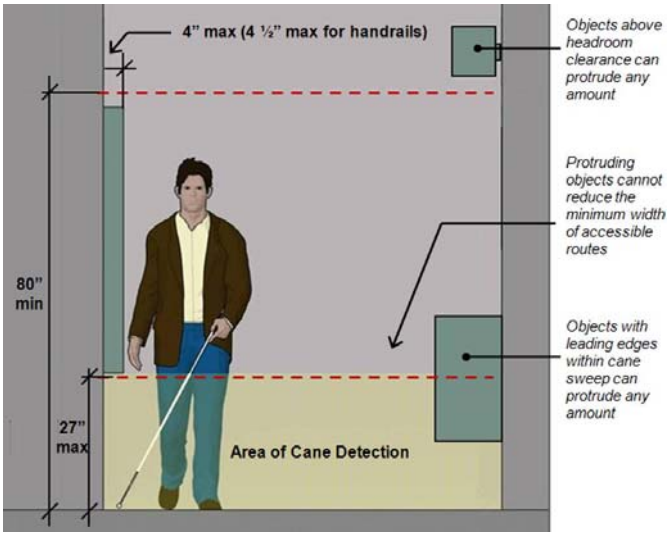
Protruding Objects



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When are Accessible Kitchens Required?

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Accessible Kitchens

- **212.1 General.** Where provided, kitchens, kitchenettes, and sinks shall comply with 212.
- **212.2 Kitchens and Kitchenettes.** Kitchens and kitchenettes shall comply with 804.
- **806.2.5 Kitchens and Kitchenettes.** Kitchens and kitchenettes shall comply with 804.
- **809.3 Kitchen.** Where a kitchen is provided, it shall comply with 804.

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Employee Kitchens

Kitchens used by employees not engaged in labor are common use facilities and must be accessible.

Commercial Kitchens used by employees only can use the employee work area exception.

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Kitchen Counters

When do kitchen counter tops have to be 34 inches high maximum and 24 inches deep maximum?

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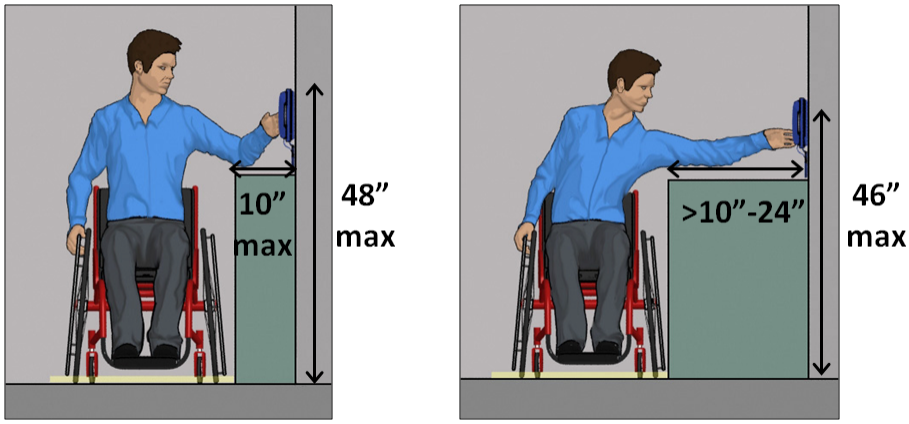
Side Reach (Obstructed)



Obstructed reach: 46” max. if reach depth exceeds 10”

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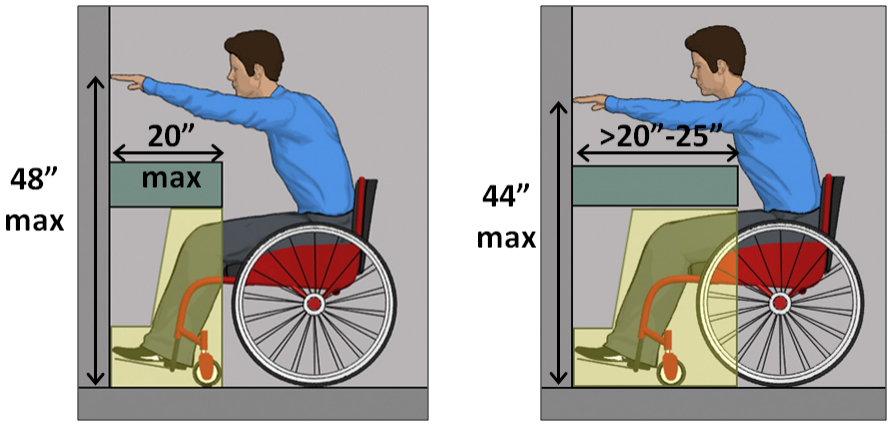
Forward Reach (Obstructed)



Obstructed reach: 44” max. if reach depth **exceeds 20”**

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Kitchen Operable Parts

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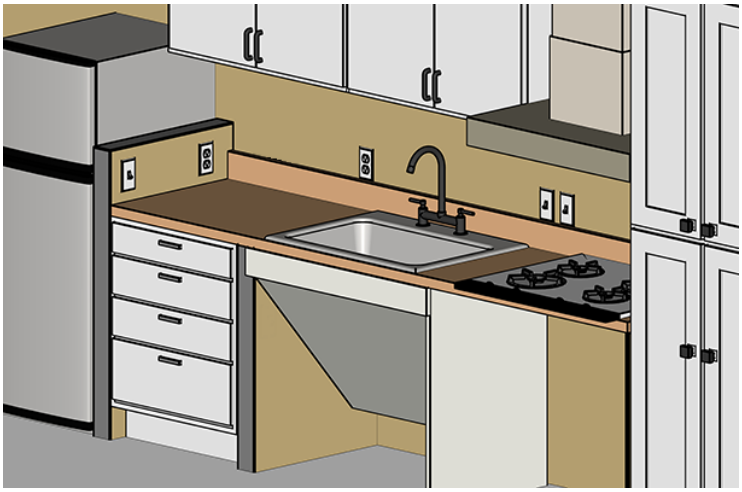
Kitchen Operable Parts



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Kitchens

How are doors to walk-in freezers in commercial kitchens covered?

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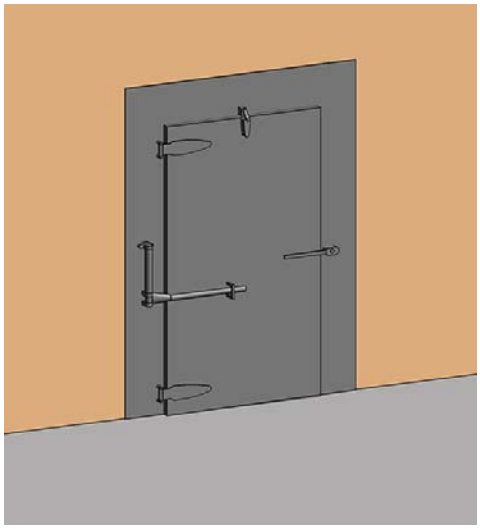
Freezer Doors



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Ramps

Can one ramp run have multiple slopes?

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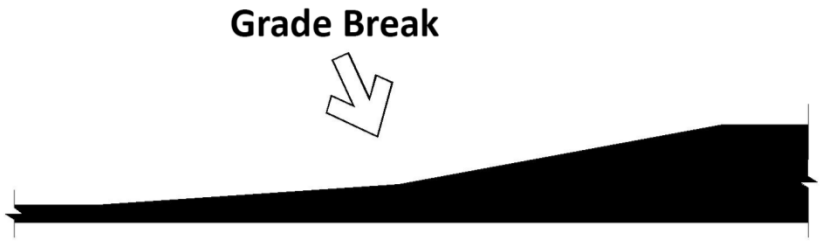

The intent of the Standards is for the slope of a ramp run to be consistent. Ramp runs must be separated by landings.

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Grade Breaks in Ramp

Grade Break: The line where two surface planes with different grades meet.

"Grade breaks at the top and bottom of curb ramp runs shall be perpendicular to the direction of the ramp run. Grade breaks shall not be permitted on the surface of ramp runs and turning spaces. Surface slopes that meet at grade breaks shall be flush."

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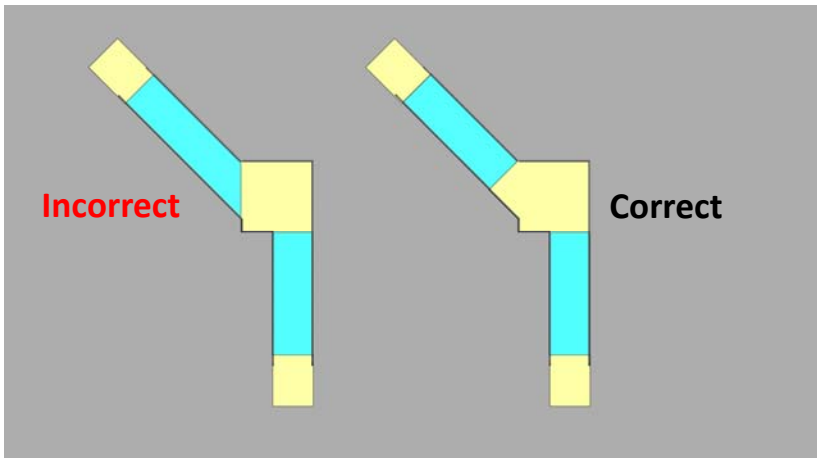
Where Ramp Runs End



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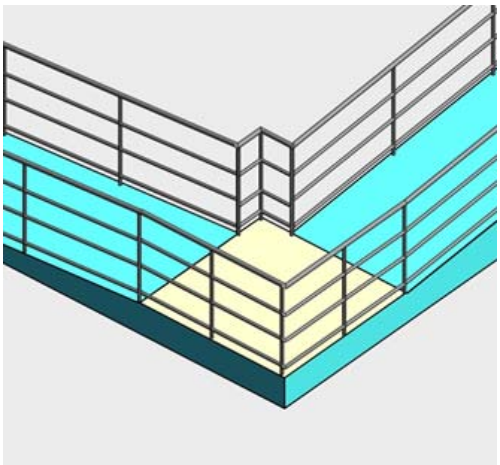
Handrails at Ramp Landings

Continuous handrails



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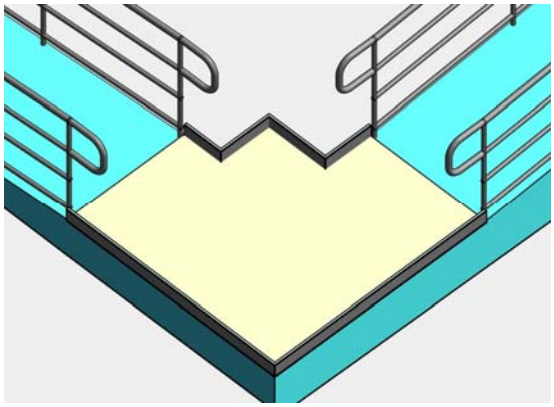
Handrails at Ramp Landings

Handrail extensions cannot obstruct clear landing size



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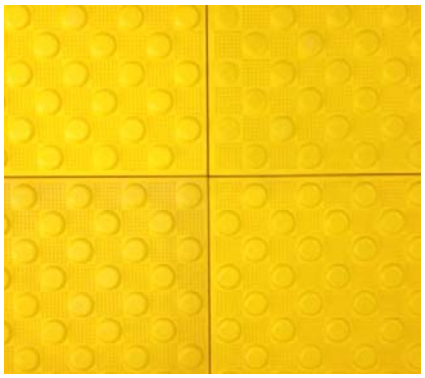
Detectable Warnings

Where are detectable warnings required?



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Detectable Warnings

<u>Required</u> on curb ramps at:

- **Transit facilities (DOT standards – 406.8)**
- **FHWY funded projects**
- **Public sidewalks (recommended – new ROW guidelines will address)**

<u>Not required</u> on curb ramps at other facilities or hazardous vehicular areas

<u>Required</u> on rail station boarding platforms

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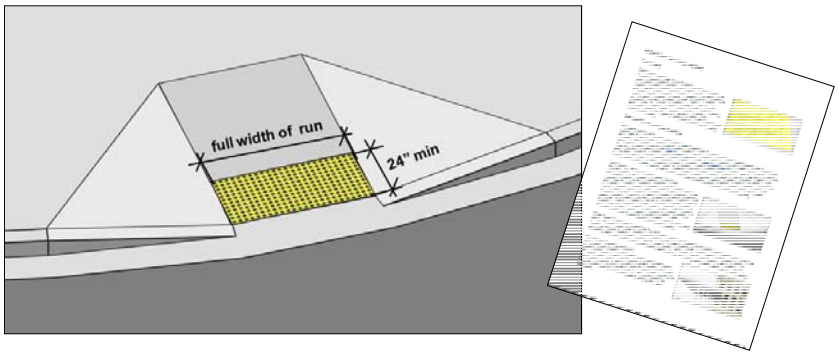
Detectable Warnings

Revised specifications for location at curb ramps



ROW guidelines will provide further guidance (e.g., placement at blended transitions)

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Not Here…

Detectable warnings are not intended for wayfinding purposes in the U.S.

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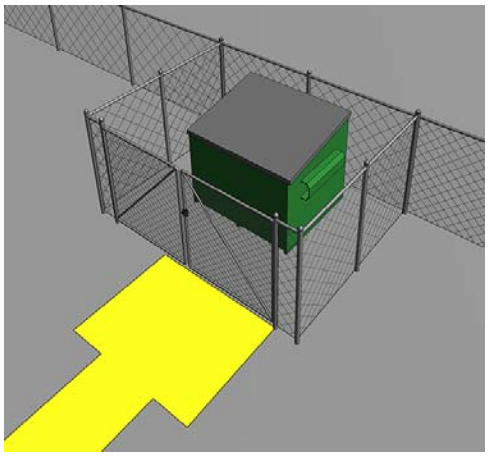
Work Areas



"approach, entry, & exit"

Trash Dumpsters are usually "movable" and not covered by the Standard, but fixed gates are covered

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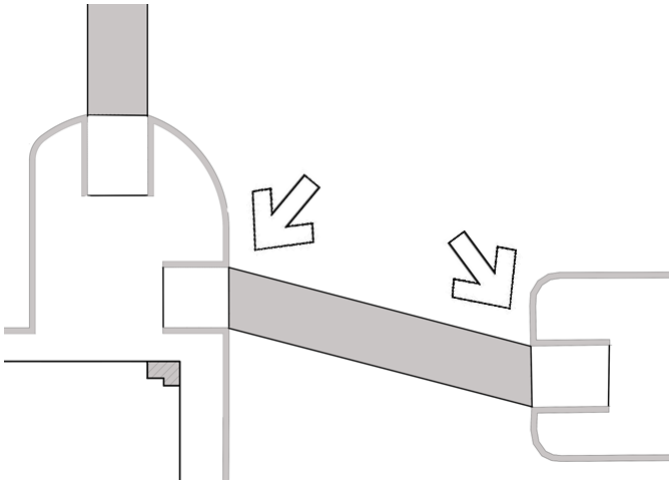
Are These Diagonal Curb Ramps?



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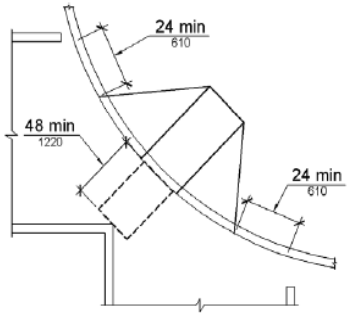
Diagonal Curb Ramps

While it is true that diagonal curb ramp is not defined it is <u>not</u> the intention of 406.6 to be applied to a skewed crossing. A diagonal curb ramp is found at the apex of a corner.



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How is Fire Extinguisher Cabinet Hardware Covered?

205.1 General. Operable parts on accessible elements, accessible routes, and in accessible rooms and spaces shall comply with 309.

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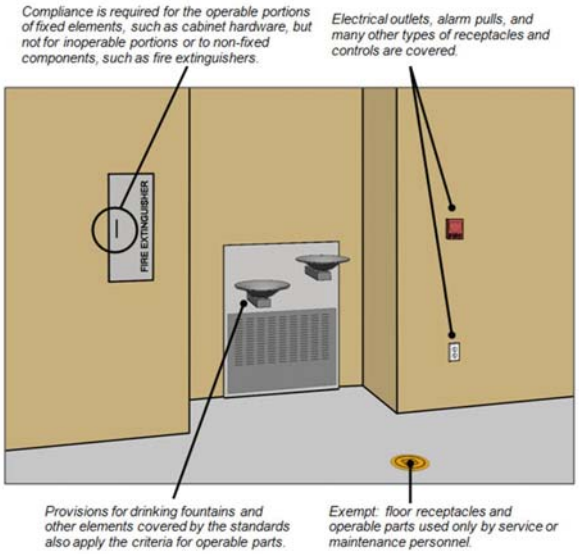
Fire Extinguisher Cabinets



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