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## PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY OF COMMUNITY SPACES

Choose an accessible facility ahead of time for your emergency planning and response efforts. If a building was constructed after 1992, it was built according to ADA Guidelines. If it was built before, you need to make sure that the spaces within your community emergency operations are fully accessible.

| Facility Entrance   | Circle One |    | Next Steps |
|---|------------|----|------------|
| Signs Pointing toward the accessible entrance   | Yes        | No |            |
| Parking areas with space for accessible vans and cars connected to the entrance with no steps or obstructions             | Yes        | No |            |
| Curb cuts in front of the building that are at least 36 inches wide   | Yes        | No |            |
| Front door is at least 32" wide when open at 90 degrees   | Yes        | No |            |
| Routes Inside of Facility   |            |    |            |
| Route from entrance to service or meeting area has no steps or obstructions   | Yes        | No |            |
| All hallways are at least 46 inches wide, and all doors are 32 inches wide, with no objects more than 4 inches from walls | Yes        | No |            |
| All hallways and doors have at least 80 inches from floor to ceiling  | Yes        | No |            |
| If elevators are the only way to travel to the service area, back-up elevator power is available                          | Yes        | No |            |
| Restrooms   |            |    |            |
| Marked with signage   | Yes        | No |            |
| Area where a person in a wheelchair can turn around 60 inches   | Yes        | No |            |
| Doorway at least 32 inches wide   | Yes        | No |            |
| Sink drain and hot water pipes protected from contact   | Yes        | No |            |

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| Rim of sinks no higher than 34 inches  | Yes | No |  |
| Toilet is 17 to 19 inches high   | Yes | No |  |
| Stall is at least 60 inches wide and 56 inches deep (wall-mounted toilet) or 59 inches deep (floor-mounted toilet)   | Yes | No |  |
| Stall door handle can be used with one hand and is no higher than 48 inches above the floor  | Yes | No |  |
| Two horizontal grab bars in the stall. A 42-inch long bar on the side walls 33 to 36 inches above the floor and a 36-inch long bar behind the toilet 33 to 36 inches above the counter | Yes | No |  |
| A sick counter   | Yes | No |  |

**Additional Resources**

[www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/chap7shelterchk.htm#intro](http://www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/chap7shelterchk.htm#intro)

[www.adachecklist.org](http://www.adachecklist.org)