

Church Facility Accessibility Checklist

Basic Accessibility

- Is it possible to get from a parked car into the building without using stairs?
- Are 1 in 25 parking spaces handicap accessible?
- Do any platforms extend at least 1' beyond each side of the doorway they service?
- Are all fire alarms in working order?

Signage

- Is there a slightly raised and brightly colored abrasive strip to warn of open staircases?
- Are the signage letters and numbers sized for optimal reading at the required distances?
- Are permanent room signs located on walls adjacent to the door's latch side or on the nearest wall?
- Can a person approach signs within 3" without running into an object or standing in a swinging door?

Worship Center

- Are sound levels adequate for persons with hearing impairments? Can the sound be amplified with an induction loop or mini-broadcasting systems?
- Is the lighting adequate to enable persons to worship? Can speakers or interpreters be easily seen without shadows?
- Are large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins available?
- Are multiple locations provided for wheelchair seating?
- Can people take communion without climbing steps?

Church Facility Accessibility Checklist

Continued

Ramps, Doorways, Floors and Hallways

- Do ramps have smooth-surfaced handrails on both sides?
- Is at least one primary entrance to each building usable by individuals in wheelchairs?
- Are doorway openings 36" wide or more? Are doors operable by a single effort?
- Are there any automatic doors?
- Are doorsills safe and free from safe inclines or abrupt changes?

Restrooms

- Is an accessible restroom located on every floor?
- Do entrance vestibules, doors and vision screens allow sufficient clearance for wheelchair passage?
- Is there at least one stall that is 36" wide or the preferred 42"?
- Do stalls have a turning space 5'x5' for easy wheelchair use?
- Are grab bars securely fastened to the wall on each side?

Additional Items

- Does each floor have a disability accessible water fountain?
- If the facility has multiple stories, are there elevators? Are they easy to locate?
- Is the elevator door opening at least 36" wide?
- Does the church own a wheelchair accessible van?
- Does the church provide transportation for people who are unable to drive?

