Chapter 1. Application and Administration

101 Purpose

The technical criteria in Chapters 3 through 9, Sections 1002, 1003 and 1006 and Chapter 11 of this standard make sites, facilities, buildings and elements accessible to and usable by people with such physical disabilities as the inability to walk, difficulty walking, reliance on walking aids, blindness and visual impairment, deafness and hearing impairment, incoordination, reaching and manipulation disabilities, lack of stamina, difficulty interpreting and reacting to sensory information, and extremes of physical size. The intent of these sections is to allow a person with a physical disability to independently get to, enter, and use a site, facility, building, or element.

Section 1004 of this standard provides criteria for Type B units. These criteria are intended to be consistent with the intent of the criteria of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines. The Type B units are intended to supplement, not replace, Accessible units or Type A units as specified in this standard.

Section 1005 of this standard provides criteria for minimal accessibility features for one and two family dwelling units and townhouses which are not covered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines.

This standard is intended for adoption by government agencies and by organizations setting model codes to achieve uniformity in the technical design criteria in building codes and other regulations.

101.1 Applicability.

Sites, facilities, buildings, and elements required to be accessible shall comply with the applicable provisions of Chapters 3 through 9 and Chapter 11. Dwelling units and sleeping units shall comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 10.

102 Anthropometric Provisions

The technical criteria in this standard are based on adult dimensions and anthropometrics. This standard also contains technical criteria based on children's dimensions and anthropometrics for drinking fountains, water closets, toilet compartments, lavatories and sinks, dining surfaces, work surfaces and benches.

103 Compliance Alternatives

Nothing in this standard is intended to prevent the use of designs, products, or technologies as alternatives to those prescribed by this standard, provided they result in equivalent or greater accessibility and such equivalency is approved by the administrative authority adopting this standard.

104 Conventions

104.1 General.

Where specific criteria of this standard differ from the general criteria of this standard, the specific criteria shall apply.

104.2 Dimensions.

Dimensions that are not stated as “maximum” or “minimum” are absolute. All dimensions are subject to conventional industry tolerances.

104.3 Figures.

Unless specifically stated, figures included herein are provided for informational purposes only and are not considered part of the standard.
104.4 Floor or Floor Surface.
The terms floor or floor surface refer to the finish floor surface or ground surface, as applicable.

104.5 Referenced Sections.
Unless specifically stated otherwise, a reference to another section or subsection within this standard includes all subsections of the referenced section or subsection.

105 Referenced Documents

105.1 General.
The documents listed in Section 105.2 shall be considered part of this standard to the prescribed extent of each such reference. Where criteria in this standard differ from those of these referenced documents, the criteria of this standard shall apply.

105.2 Documents.

105.2.1 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices:
MUTCD-2003 (The Federal Highway Administration, Office of Transportation Operations, Room 3408, 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590).

105.2.2 National Fire Alarm Code:
NFPA 72-2007 (National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269-9101).

FIG. 104.3
GRAPHIC CONVENTION FOR FIGURES
105.2.3 Power Assist and Low Energy Power Operated Doors:

105.2.4 Power Operated Pedestrian Doors:
ANSI/BHMA A156.10-2005 (Builders Hardware Manufacturers' Association, 355 Lexington Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10017).

105.2.5 Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators:

105.2.6 Safety Standard for Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts:

105.2.7 Performance Criteria for Accessible Communications Entry Systems.
ANSI/DASMA 303-2006. (Door and Access Systems Manufacturers Association, 1300 Sumer Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115-2851).

105.2.8 Standard Specification for Impact Attenuation of Surface Systems Under and Around Playground Equipment
ASTM F 1292-99. (ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, PO Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA, 19428-2959).

105.2.9 Standard Specification for Impact Attenuation of Surfacing Materials Within the Use Zone of Playground Equipment
ASTM F 1292-04 (ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, PO Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA, 19428-2959).

105.2.10 Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use
ASTM F 1487-01 (ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, PO Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA, 19428-2959).

105.2.11 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines for Transportation Vehicles

106 Definitions

106.1 General.
For the purpose of this standard, the terms listed in Section 106.5 have the indicated meaning.

106.2 Terms Defined in Referenced Documents.
Terms specifically defined in a referenced document, and not defined in this section, shall have the specified meaning from the referenced document.

106.3 Undefined Terms.
The meaning of terms not specifically defined in this standard or in a referenced document shall be as defined by collegiate dictionaries in the sense that the context implies.

106.4 Interchangeability.
Words, terms, and phrases used in the singular include the plural, and those used in the plural include the singular.

106.5 Defined Terms.

accessible: Describes a site, building, facility, or portion thereof that complies with this standard.

administrative authority: A jurisdictional body that adopts or enforces regulations and standards for the design, construction, or operation of buildings and facilities.

amusement attraction: Any facility, or portion of a facility, located within an amusement park or theme park which provides amusement without the use of an amusement device. Amusement attractions include, but are not limited to, fun houses, barrels, and other attractions without seats.

amusement ride: A system that moves persons through a fixed course within a defined area for the purpose of amusement.

amusement ride seat: A seat that is built-in or mechanically fastened to an amusement ride intended to be occupied by one or more passengers.
area of sport activity: That portion of a room or space where the play or practice of a sport occurs.

boarding pier: A portion of a pier where a boat is temporarily secured for the purpose of embarking or disembarking.

boat launch ramp: A sloped surface designed for launching and retrieving trailered boats and other water craft to and from a body of water.

boat slip: That portion of a pier, main pier, finger pier, or float where a boat is moored for the purpose of berthing, embarking, or disembarking.

catch pool: A pool or designated section of a pool used as a terminus for water slide flumes.

chars: Letters, numbers, punctuation marks, and typographic symbols.

children’s use: Spaces and elements specifically designed for use primarily by people 12 years old and younger.

circulation path: An exterior or interior way of passage from one place to another for pedestrians.

counter slope: Any slope opposing the running slope of a curb ramp.

cross slope: The slope that is perpendicular to the direction of travel (see running slope).

curb ramp: A short ramp cutting through a curb or built up to it.

destination-oriented elevator system: An elevator system that provides lobby controls for the selection of destination floors, lobby indicators designating which elevator to board, and a car indicator designating the floors at which the car will stop.

detectable warning: A standardized surface feature built in or applied to floor surfaces to warn of hazards on a circulation path.

dwelling unit: A single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.

element: An architectural or mechanical component of a building, facility, space, or site.

elevated play component: A play component that is approached above or below grade and that is part of a composite play structure consisting of two or more play components attached or functionally linked to create an integrated unit providing more than one play activity.

elevator car call sequential step scanning: A technology used to enter a car call by means of an up or down floor selection button.

facility: All or any portion of a building, structure, site improvements, elements, and pedestrian routes or vehicular ways located on a site.

gangway: A variable-sloped pedestrian walkway that links a fixed structure or land with a floating structure. Gangways that connect to vessels are not addressed by this document.

golf car passage: A continuous passage on which a motorized golf car can operate.

ground level play component: A play component that is approached and exited at the ground level.

habitable: A space in a building for living, sleeping, eating or cooking. Bathrooms, toilet rooms, closets, halls, storage or utility spaces and similar areas are not considered habitable spaces.

key surface: The surface or plane of any key or button that must be touched to activate or deactivate an operable part or a machine function or enter data.

marked crossing: A crosswalk or other identified path intended for pedestrian use in crossing a vehicular way.

operable part: A component of an element used to insert or withdraw objects, or to activate, deactivate, or adjust the element.

pictogram: A pictorial symbol that represents activities, facilities, or concepts.

play area: A portion of a site containing play components designed and constructed for children.

play component: An element intended to generate specific opportunities for play, socialization, or learning. Play components are manufactured or natural; and are stand-alone or part of a composite play structure.

ramp: A walking surface that has a running slope steeper than 1:20.

running slope: The slope that is parallel to the direction of travel (see cross slope).

sign: An architectural element composed of displayed textual, symbolic, tactile, or pictorial information.

site: A parcel of land bounded by a property line or a designated portion of a public right-of-way.

sleeping unit: A room or space in which people sleep that can also include permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, and either sanitation or kitchen facilities but not both. Such rooms and spaces that are also part of a dwelling unit are not sleeping units.

soft contained play structure: A play structure made up of one or more play components where the user enters a fully enclosed play environment
that utilizes pliable materials, such as plastic, netting, or fabric.

teeing ground: In golf, the starting place for the hole to be played.

transfer device: Equipment designed to facilitate the transfer of a person from a wheelchair or other mobility aid to and from an amusement ride seat.

TTY: An abbreviation for teletypewriter. Equipment that employs interactive, text-based communications through the transmission of coded signals across the standard telephone network. The term TTY also refers to devices known as text telephones and TDDs.

use zone: The ground level area beneath and immediately adjacent to a play structure or play equipment that is designated by ASTM F 1487 listed in Section 105.2.10, for unrestricted circulation around the play equipment and where it is predicted that a user would land when falling from or exiting the play equipment.

variable message signs (VMS): Electronic signs that have a message with the capacity to change by means of scrolling, streaming, or paging across a background.

variable message sign (VMS) characters: Characters of an electronic sign are composed of pixels in an array. High resolution VMS characters have vertical pixel counts of 16 rows or greater. Low resolution VMS characters have vertical pixel counts of 7 to 15 rows.

vehicular way: A route provided for vehicular traffic.

walk: An exterior pathway with a prepared surface for pedestrian use.

wheelchair space: A space for a single wheelchair and its occupant.

wheelchair space locations: A space for a minimum of a single wheelchair and the associated companion seating. Wheelchair space locations can contain multiple wheelchair spaces and associated companion seating.
Chapter 2. Scoping

201 General
This standard provides technical criteria for making sites, facilities, buildings, and elements accessible. The administrative authority shall provide scoping provisions to specify the extent to which these technical criteria apply. These scoping provisions shall address the application of this standard to: each building and occupancy type; new construction, alterations, temporary facilities, and existing buildings; specific site and building elements; and to multiple elements or spaces provided within a site or building.

202 Dwelling and Sleeping Units
Chapter 10 of this standard contains dwelling unit and sleeping unit criteria for Accessible units, Type A units, Type B units, Type C (Viable) dwelling units and units with accessible communication features. The administrative authority shall specify, in separate scoping provisions, the extent to which these technical criteria apply. These scoping provisions shall address the types and numbers of units required to comply with each set of unit criteria.

203 Administration
The administrative authority shall provide an appropriate review and approval process to ensure compliance with this standard.
Chapter 3. Building Blocks

301 General

301.1 Scope.
The provisions of Chapter 3 shall apply where required by the scoping provisions adopted by the administrative authority or by Chapters 4 through 11.

301.2 Overlap.
Unless otherwise specified, clear floor spaces, clearances at fixtures, maneuvering clearances at doors, and turning spaces shall be permitted to overlap.

302 Floor Surfaces

302.1 General.
Floor surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant, and shall comply with Section 302. Changes in level in floor surfaces shall comply with Section 303.

302.2 Carpet.
Carpet or carpet tile shall be securely attached and shall have a firm cushion, pad, or backing or no cushion or pad. Carpet or carpet tile shall have a level loop, textured loop, level cut pile, or level cut/back cut pile texture. The pile shall be 1/2 inch (13 mm) maximum in height. Exposed edges of carpet shall be fastened to the floor and shall have trim along the entire length of the exposed edge. Carpet edge trim shall comply with Section 303.

![Carpet on Floor Surfaces](image)

FIG. 302.2
CARPET ON FLOOR SURFACES

302.3 Openings.
Openings in floor surfaces shall be of a size that does not permit the passage of a 1/2 inch (13 mm) diameter sphere, except as allowed in Sections 407.4.3, 408.4.3, 409.4.3, 410.4, and 805.10. Elongated openings shall be placed so that the long dimension is perpendicular to the predominant direction of travel.

![Openings in Floor Surfaces](image)

FIG. 302.3
OPENINGS IN FLOOR SURFACES

303 Changes in Level

303.1 General.
Changes in level in floor surfaces shall comply with Section 303.

303.2 Vertical.
Changes in level of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6.4 mm) maximum in height shall be permitted to be vertical.

![Diagram](FIG. 303.2 VERTICAL CHANGES IN LEVEL)

303.3 Beveled.
Changes in level greater than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6.4 mm) in height and not more than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (13 mm) maximum in height shall be beveled with a slope not steeper than 1:2.

![Diagram](FIG. 303.3 BEVELED CHANGES IN LEVEL)

303.4 Ramps.
Changes in level greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (13 mm) in height shall be ramped and shall comply with Section 405 or 406.

304 Turning Space

304.1 General.
A turning space shall comply with Section 304.

304.2 Floor Surface.
Floor surfaces of a turning space shall comply with Section 302. Changes in level are not permitted within the turning space.

EXCEPTION: Slopes not steeper than 1:48 shall be permitted.

304.3 Size.
Turning spaces shall comply with Section 304.3.1 or 304.3.2.
304.3.1 Circular Space.

The turning space shall be a circular space with a 60-inch (1525 mm) minimum diameter. The turning space shall be permitted to include knee and toe clearance complying with Section 306.

304.3.2 T-Shaped Space.

The turning space shall be a T-shaped space within a 60-inch (1525 mm) minimum square, with arms and base 36 inches (915 mm) minimum in width. Each arm of the T shall be clear of obstructions 12 inches (305 mm) minimum in each direction, and the base shall be clear of obstructions 24 inches (610 mm) minimum. The turning space shall be permitted to include knee and toe clearance complying with Section 306 only at the end of either the base or one arm.

304.4 Door Swing.

Unless otherwise specified, doors shall be permitted to swing into turning spaces.

305 Clear Floor Space

305.1 General.

A clear floor space shall comply with Section 305.

305.2 Floor Surfaces.

Floor surfaces of a clear floor space shall comply with Section 302. Changes in level are not permitted within the clear floor space.

EXCEPTION: Slopes not steeper than 1:48 shall be permitted.

305.3 Size.

The clear floor space shall be 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum in length and 30 inches (760 mm) minimum in width.
305.4 Knee and Toe Clearance.

Unless otherwise specified, clear floor space shall be permitted to include knee and toe clearance complying with Section 306.

305.5 Position.

Unless otherwise specified, the clear floor space shall be positioned for either forward or parallel approach to an element.

305.6 Approach.

One full, unobstructed side of the clear floor space shall adjoin or overlap an accessible route or adjoin another clear floor space.

305.7 Alcoves.

If a clear floor space is in an alcove or otherwise confined on all or part of three sides, additional maneuvering clearances complying with Sections 305.7.1 and 305.7.2 shall be provided, as applicable.
305.7.1 Parallel Approach.

Where the clear floor space is positioned for a parallel approach, the alcove shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in width where the depth exceeds 15 inches (380 mm).

305.7.2 Forward Approach.

Where the clear floor space is positioned for a forward approach, the alcove shall be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum in width where the depth exceeds 24 inches (610 mm).

306 Knee and Toe Clearance

306.1 General.

Where space beneath an element is included as part of clear floor space at an element, clearance at an element, or a turning space, the space shall comply with Section 306. Additional space shall not be prohibited beneath an element, but shall not be considered as part of the clear floor space or turning space.

306.2 Toe Clearance.
306.2.1 General.
Space beneath an element between the floor and 9 inches (230 mm) above the floor shall be considered toe clearance and shall comply with Section 306.2.

306.2.2 Maximum Depth.
Toe clearance shall be permitted to extend 25 inches (635 mm) maximum under an element.

306.2.3 Minimum Depth.
Where toe clearance is required at an element as part of a clear floor space complying with Section 305, the toe clearance shall extend 17 inches (430 mm) minimum beneath the element.

306.2.4 Additional Clearance.
Space extending greater than 6 inches (150 mm) beyond the available knee clearance at 9 inches (230 mm) above the floor shall not be considered toe clearance.

306.2.5 Width.
Toe clearance shall be 30 inches (760 mm) minimum in width.

306.3 Knee Clearance.
306.3.1 General.

Space beneath an element between 9 inches (230 mm) and 27 inches (685 mm) above the floor shall be considered knee clearance and shall comply with Section 306.3.

306.3.2 Maximum Depth.

Knee clearance shall be permitted to extend 25 inches (635 mm) maximum under an element at 9 inches (230 mm) above the floor.

306.3.3 Minimum Depth.

Where knee clearance is required beneath an element as part of a clear floor space complying with Section 305, the knee clearance shall be 11 inches (280 mm) minimum in depth at 9 inches (230 mm) above the floor, and 8 inches (205 mm) minimum in depth at 27 inches (685 mm) above the floor.

306.3.4 Clearance Reduction.

Between 9 inches (230 mm) and 27 inches (685 mm) above the floor, the knee clearance shall be permitted to be reduced at a rate of 1 inch (25 mm) in depth for each 6 inches (150 mm) in height.

306.3.5 Width.

Knee clearance shall be 30 inches (760 mm) minimum in width.

307 Protruding Objects

307.1 General.

Protruding objects on circulation paths shall comply with Section 307.

307.2 Protrusion Limits.

Objects with leading edges more than 27 inches (685 mm) and not more than 80 inches (2030 mm) above the floor shall protrude 4 inches (100 mm) maximum horizontally into the circulation path.

EXCEPTION: Handrails shall be permitted to protrude 4\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches (115 mm) maximum.
307.3 Post-Mounted Objects.

Objects on posts or pylons shall be permitted to overhang 4 inches (100 mm) maximum where more than 27 inches (685 mm) and not more than 80 inches (2030 mm) above the floor. Objects on multiple posts or pylons where the clear distance between the posts or pylons is greater than 12 inches (305 mm) shall have the lowest edge of such object either 27 inches (685 mm) maximum or 80 inches (2030 mm) minimum above the floor.

EXCEPTION: Sloping portions of handrails between the top and bottom riser of stairs and above the ramp run shall not be required to comply with Section 307.3.
307.4 Vertical Clearance.

Vertical clearance shall be 80 inches (2030 mm) minimum. Rails or other barriers shall be provided where the vertical clearance is less than 80 inches (2030 mm). The leading edge of such rails or barrier shall be located 27 inches (685 mm) maximum above the floor.

EXCEPTION: Door closers and door stops shall be permitted to be 78 inches (1980 mm) minimum above the floor.

307.5 Required Clear Width.
Protruding objects shall not reduce the clear width required for accessible routes.

308 Reach Ranges

308.1 General.

Reach ranges shall comply with Section 308.

308.2 Forward Reach.

308.2.1 Unobstructed.

Where a forward reach is unobstructed, the high forward reach shall be 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum and the low forward reach shall be 15 inches (380 mm) minimum above the floor.

![Diagram of unobstructed forward reach](image)

**FIG. 308.2.1**

UNOBSURCTED FORWARD REACH

308.2.2 Obstructed High Reach.

Where a high forward reach is over an obstruction, the clear floor space complying with Section 305 shall extend beneath the element for a distance not less than the required reach depth over the obstruction. The high forward reach shall be 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum above the floor where the reach depth is 20 inches (510 mm) maximum. Where the reach depth exceeds 20 inches (510 mm), the high forward reach shall be 44 inches (1120 mm) maximum above the floor, and the reach depth shall be 25 inches (635 mm) maximum.

![Diagram of obstructed high reach](image)

**FIG. 308.2.2**

OBSURCTED HIGH FORWARD REACH
308.3 Side Reach.

308.3.1 Unobstructed.

Where a clear floor space complying with Section 305 allows a parallel approach to an element and the edge of the clear floor space is 10 inches (255 mm) maximum from the element, the high side reach shall be 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum and the low side reach shall be 15 inches (380 mm) minimum above the floor.

EXCEPTION: Existing elements that are not altered shall be permitted at 54 inches (1370 mm) maximum above the floor.

![Diagram](image)

**FIG. 308.3.1**
**UNOBSERVED SIDE REACH**

308.3.2 Obstructed High Reach.

Where a clear floor space complying with Section 305 allows a parallel approach to an element and the high side reach is over an obstruction, the height of the obstruction shall be 34 inches (865 mm) maximum above the floor and the depth of the obstruction shall be 24 inches (610 mm) maximum. The high side reach shall be 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum above the floor for a reach depth of 10 inches (255 mm) maximum. Where the reach depth exceeds 10 inches (255 mm), the high side reach shall be 46 inches (1170 mm) maximum above the floor for a reach depth of 24 inches (610 mm) maximum.

EXCEPTION: At washing machines and clothes dryers, the height of the obstruction shall be permitted to be 36 inches (915 mm) maximum above the floor.

![Diagram](image)

**FIG. 308.3.2**
**OBSERVED HIGH SIDE REACH**

309 Operable Parts

309.1 General.

Operable parts required to be accessible shall comply with Section 309.

309.2 Clear Floor Space.
A clear floor space complying with Section 305 shall be provided.

309.3 Height.
Operable parts shall be placed within one or more of the reach ranges specified in Section 308.

309.4 Operation.
Operable parts shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist. The force required to activate operable parts shall be 5.0 pounds (22.2 N) maximum.

EXCEPTION: Gas pump nozzles shall not be required to provide operable parts that have an activating force of 5.0 pounds (22.2 N) maximum.
Chapter 4. Accessible Routes

401 General

401.1 Scope.
Accessible routes required by the scoping provisions adopted by the administrative authority shall comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 4.

402 Accessible Routes

402.1 General.
Accessible routes shall comply with Section 402.

402.2 Components.
Accessible routes shall consist of one or more of the following components: Walking surfaces with a slope not steeper than 1:20, doors and doorways, ramps, curb ramps excluding the flared sides, elevators, and platform lifts. All components of an accessible route shall comply with the applicable portions of this standard.

402.3 Revolving Doors, Revolving Gates, and Turnstiles.
Revolving doors, revolving gates, and turnstiles shall not be part of an accessible route.

403 Walking Surfaces

403.1 General.
Walking surfaces that are a part of an accessible route shall comply with Section 403.

403.2 Floor Surface.
Floor surfaces shall comply with Section 302.

403.3 Slope.
The running slope of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:20. The cross slope of a walking surface shall not be steeper than 1:48.

403.4 Changes in Level.
Changes in level shall comply with Section 303.

403.5 Clear Width.
The clear width of an accessible route shall be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum.

EXCEPTION: The clear width shall be permitted to be reduced to 32 inches (815 mm) minimum for a length of 24 inches (610 mm) maximum provided the reduced width segments are separated by segments that are 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum in length and 36 inches (915 mm) minimum in width.

![FIG. 403.5 CLEAR WIDTH OF AN ACCESSIBLE ROUTE](image)

403.5.1 Clear Width at 180 Degree Turn.
Where an accessible route makes a 180 degree turn around an object that is less than 48 inches (1220 mm) in width, clear widths shall be 42 inches (1065 mm) minimum approaching the turn, 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum during the turn, and 42 inches (1065 mm) minimum leaving the turn.

**EXCEPTION:** Section 403.5.1 shall not apply where the clear width during the turn is 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum.

**FIG. 403.5.1**
CLEAR WIDTH AT 180° TURN

403.5.2 Passing Space.

An accessible route with a clear width less than 60 inches (1525 mm) shall provide passing spaces at intervals of 200 feet (61 m) maximum. Passing spaces shall be either a 60-inch (1525 mm) minimum by 60-inch (1525 mm) minimum space, or an intersection of two walking surfaces that provide a T-shaped turning space complying with Section 304.3.2, provided the base and arms of the T-shaped space extend 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum beyond the intersection.

403.6 Handrails.

Where handrails are required at the side of a corridor they shall comply with Sections 505.4 through 505.9.

404 Doors and Doorways

404.1 General.

Doors and doorways that are part of an accessible route shall comply with Section 404.

404.2 Manual Doors.

Manual doors and doorways, and manual gates, including ticket gates, shall comply with Section 404.2.

**EXCEPTION:** Doors, doorways, and gates designed to be operated only by security personnel shall not be required to comply with Sections 404.2.6, 404.2.7, and 404.2.8.

404.2.1 Double-Leaf Doors and Gates.

At least one of the active leaves of doorways with two leaves shall comply with Sections 404.2.2 and 404.2.3.

404.2.2 Clear Width.

Doorways shall have a clear opening width of 32 inches (815 mm) minimum. Clear opening width of doorways with swinging doors shall be measured between the face of door and stop, with the door open 90 degrees. Openings more than 24 inches (610 mm) in depth at doors and doorways without doors shall provide a clear opening width of 36 inches (915 mm) minimum. There shall be no projections into the clear opening width lower than 34 inches (865 mm) above the floor. Projections into the clear opening width between 34 inches (865 mm) and 80 inches (2030 mm) above the floor shall not exceed 4 inches (100 mm).
EXCEPTIONS:

1. Door closers and door stops shall be permitted to be 78 inches (1980 mm) minimum above the floor.
2. In alterations, a projection of 7/16 inch (16 mm) maximum into the required clear opening width shall be permitted for the latch side stop.

FIG. 404.2.2
CLEAR WIDTH OF DOORWAYS

404.2.3 Maneuvering Clearances.

Minimum maneuvering clearances at doors shall comply with Section 404.2.3 and shall include the full clear opening width of the doorway. Required door maneuvering clearances shall not include knee and toe clearance.

404.2.3.1 Floor Surface.

Floor surface within the maneuvering clearances shall have a slope not steeper than 1:48 and shall comply with Section 302.

404.2.3.2 Swinging Doors.

Swinging doors shall have maneuvering clearances complying with Table 404.2.3.2.

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1Add 6 inches (150 mm) if closer and latch provided.
2Add 6 inches (150 mm) if closer provided.
3Add 12 inches (305 mm) beyond latch if closer and latch provided.
4Beyond hinge side.

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404.2.3.3 Sliding and Folding Doors.

Sliding doors and folding doors shall have maneuvering clearances complying with Table 404.2.3.3.

**TABLE 404.2.3.3—MANEUVERING CLEARANCES AT SLIDING AND FOLDING DOORS**

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From novice side  |  42 inches (1065 mm)  |  22 inches (560 mm)\(^1\)
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From latch side  |  42 inches (1065 mm)  |  24 inches (610 mm)

\(^1\)Beyond pocket or hinge side.

### FIG. 404.2.3.3
MANEUVERING CLEARANCE AT SLIDING AND FOLDING DOORS

**404.2.3.4 Doorways without Doors.**
Doorways without doors that are less than 36 inches (915 mm) in width shall have maneuvering clearances complying with Table 404.2.3.4

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Approach Direction</th>
<th>MINIMUM MANEUVERING CLEARANCES Perpendicular to Doorway</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>From front</td>
<td>48 inches (1220 mm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>From side</td>
<td>42 inches (1065 mm)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### FIG. 404.2.3.4
MANEUVERING CLEARANCE AT DOORWAYS WITHOUT DOORS

**404.2.3.5 Recessed Doors.**
Where any obstruction within 18 inches (455 mm) of the latch side of a doorway projects more than 8 inches (205 mm) beyond the face of the door, measured perpendicular to the face of the door, maneuvering clearances for a forward approach shall be provided.
FIG. 404.2.3.5
MANEUVERING CLEARANCE AT RECESSED DOORS

404.2.4 Thresholds.
If provided, thresholds at doorways shall be 1/2 inch (13 mm) maximum in height. Raised thresholds and changes in level at doorways shall comply with Sections 302 and 303.

EXCEPTION: An existing or altered threshold shall be permitted to be 3/4 inch (19 mm) maximum in height provided that the threshold has a beveled edge on each side with a maximum slope of 1:2 for the height exceeding 1/4 inch (6.4 mm).

404.2.5 Two Doors in Series.
Distance between two hinged or pivoted doors in series shall be 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum plus the width of any door swinging into the space. The space between the doors shall provide a turning space complying with Section 304.
404.2.6 Door Hardware.

Handles, pulls, latches, locks, and other operable parts on accessible doors shall have a shape that is easy to grasp with one hand and does not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist to operate. Operable parts of such hardware shall be 34 inches (865 mm) minimum and 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum above the floor. Where sliding doors are in the fully open position, operating hardware shall be exposed and usable from both sides.

EXCEPTION: Locks used only for security purposes and not used for normal operation shall not be required to comply with Section 404.2.6.

404.2.7 Closing Speed.

404.2.7.1 Door Closers.

Door closers shall be adjusted so that from an open position of 90 degrees, the time required to move the door to an open position of 12 degrees shall be 5 seconds minimum.

404.2.7.2 Spring Hinges.

Door spring hinges shall be adjusted so that from an open position of 70 degrees, the door shall move to the closed position in 1.5 seconds minimum.

404.2.8 Door-Opening Force.

Fire doors shall have the minimum opening force allowable by the appropriate administrative authority. The force for pushing or pulling open...
doors other than fire doors shall be as follows:

1. Interior hinged door: 5.0 pounds (22.2 N) maximum
2. Sliding or folding door: 5.0 pounds (22.2 N) maximum

These forces do not apply to the force required to retract latch bolts or disengage other devices that hold the door in a closed position.

404.2.9 Door Surface.

Door surfaces within 10 inches (255 mm) of the floor, measured vertically, shall be a smooth surface on the push side extending the full width of the door. Parts creating horizontal or vertical joints in such surface shall be within 1/16 inch (1.6 mm) of the same plane as the other. Cavities created by added kick plates shall be capped.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Sliding doors shall not be required to comply with Section 404.2.9.
2. Tempered glass doors without sills and having a bottom rail or shoe with the top leading edge tapered at no less than 60 degrees from the horizontal shall not be required to comply with the 10-inch (255 mm) bottom rail height requirement.
3. Doors that do not extend to within 10 inches (255 mm) of the floor shall not be required to comply with Section 404.2.9.

404.2.10 Vision Lites.

Doors and sidelites adjacent to doors containing one or more glazing panels that permit viewing through the panels shall have the bottom of at least one panel on either the door or an adjacent sidelite 43 inches (1090 mm) maximum above the floor.

EXCEPTION: Vision lites with the lower part more than 66 inches (1675 mm) above the floor shall not be required to comply with Section 404.2.10.

404.3 Automatic Doors.

Automatic doors and automatic gates shall comply with Section 404.3. Full powered automatic doors shall comply with ANSI/BHMA A156.10 listed in Section 105.2.4. Power-assist and low-energy doors shall comply with ANSI/BHMA A156.19 listed in Section 105.2.3.

EXCEPTION: Doors, doorways, and gates designed to be operated only by security personnel shall not be required to comply with Sections 404.3.2, 404.3.4, and 404.3.5.

404.3.1 Clear Width.

Doorways shall have a clear opening width of 32 inches (815 mm) in power-on and power-off mode. The minimum clear opening width for automatic door systems shall be based on the clear opening width provided with all leaves in the open position.

404.3.2 Maneuvering Clearances.

Maneuvering clearances at power-assisted doors shall comply with Section 404.2.3.

404.3.3 Thresholds.

Thresholds and changes in level at doorways shall comply with Section 404.2.4.

404.3.4 Two Doors in Series.

Doors in series shall comply with Section 404.2.5.

404.3.5 Control Switches.

Manually operated control switches shall comply with Section 309. The clear floor space adjacent to the control switch shall be located beyond the arc of the door swing.

405 Ramps

405.1 General.

Ramps along accessible routes shall comply with Section 405.

EXCEPTION: In assembly areas, aisle ramps adjacent to seating and not serving elements required to be on an accessible route shall not be required to comply with Section 405.

405.2 Slope.
Ramp runs shall have a running slope greater than 1:20 and not steeper than 1:12.

**EXCEPTION:** In existing buildings or facilities, ramps shall be permitted to have slopes steeper than 1:12 complying with Table 405.2 where such slopes are necessary due to space limitations.

**TABLE 405.2—ALLOWABLE RAMP DIMENSIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION IN EXISTING SITES, BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES**

<table>
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<th>Slope</th>
<th>Maximum Rise</th>
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<tr>
<td>Steeper than 1:10 but not steeper than 1:8</td>
<td>3 inches (75 mm)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Steeper than 1:12 but not steeper than 1:10</td>
<td>6 inches (150 mm)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*A slope steeper than 1:8 shall not be permitted.

**405.3 Cross Slope.**

Cross slope of ramp runs shall not be steeper than 1:48.

**405.4 Floor Surfaces.**

Floor surfaces of ramp runs shall comply with Section 302.

**405.5 Clear Width.**

The clear width of a ramp run shall be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum. Handrails and handrail supports that are provided on the ramp run shall not project into the required clear width of the ramp run.

**405.6 Rise.**

The rise for any ramp run shall be 30 inches (760 mm) maximum.

**405.7 Landings.**

Ramps shall have landings at the bottom and top of each ramp run. Landings shall comply with Section 405.7.

![Diagram of ramp landings](image)

**FIG. 405.7**

**RAMP LANDINGS**

**405.7.1 Slope.**

Landings shall have a slope not steeper than 1:48 and shall comply with Section 302.

**405.7.2 Width.**

Clear width of landings shall be at least as wide as the widest ramp run leading to the landing.

**405.7.3 Length.**

Landings shall have a clear length of 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum.

**405.7.4 Change in Direction.**

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Ramps that change direction at ramp landings shall be sized to provide a turning space complying with Section 304.3.

405.7.5 Doorways.

Where doorways are adjacent to a ramp landing, maneuvering clearances required by Sections 404.2.3 and 404.3.2 shall be permitted to overlap the landing area. Where a door that is subject to locking is located adjacent to a ramp landing, the landing shall be sized to provide a turning space complying with Section 304.3.

405.8 Handrails.

Ramp runs with a rise greater than 6 inches (150 mm) shall have handrails complying with Section 505.

405.9 Edge Protection.

Edge protection complying with Section 405.9.1 or 405.9.2 shall be provided on each side of ramp runs and at each side of ramp landings.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Edge protection shall not be required on ramps not required to have handrails and that have flared sides complying with Section 406.3.
2. Edge protection shall not be required on the sides of ramp landings serving an adjoining ramp run or stairway.
3. Edge protection shall not be required on the sides of ramp landings having a vertical dropoff of 1/2 inch (13 mm) maximum within 10 inches (255 mm) horizontally of the minimum landing area specified in Section 405.7.
4. Edge protection shall not be required on the sides of ramped aisles where the ramps provide access to the adjacent seats and aisle access ways.

FIG. 405.9
EDGE PROTECTION—LIMITED DROP OFF

405.9.1 Extended Floor Surface.

The floor surface of the ramp run or ramp landing shall extend 12 inches (305 mm) minimum beyond the inside face of a railing complying with Section 505.
405.9.2 Curb or Barrier.

A curb complying with Section 405.9.2.1 or a barrier complying with Section 405.9.2.2 shall be provided.

405.9.2.1 Curb.

A curb shall be a minimum of 4 inches (100 mm) in height.

405.9.2.2 Barrier.

Barriers shall be constructed so that the barrier prevents the passage of a 4-inch (100 mm) diameter sphere where any portion of the sphere is within 4 inches (100 mm) of the floor.

405.10 Wet Conditions.

Landings subject to wet conditions shall be designed to prevent the accumulation of water.

406 Curb Ramps

406.1 General.

Curb ramps on accessible routes shall comply with Sections 406, 405.2, 405.3, and 405.10.

406.2 Counter Slope.

Counter slopes of adjoining gutters and road surfaces immediately adjacent to the curb ramp shall not be steeper than 1:20. The adjacent surfaces at transitions at curb ramps to walks, gutters and streets shall be at the same level.
FIG. 406.2
COUNTER SLOPE OF SURFACES ADJACENT TO CURB RAMPS

406.3 Sides of Curb Ramps.
Where provided, curb ramp flares shall comply with Section 406.3.

![Diagram of curb ramp with flared sides]

FIG. 406.3
SIDES OF CURB RAMPS

406.3.1 Slope.
Flares shall not be steeper than 1:10.

406.3.2 Marking.
If curbs adjacent to the ramp flares are painted, the painted surface shall extend along the flared portion of the curb.

406.4 Width.
Curb ramps shall be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum in width, exclusive of flared sides.

406.5 Floor Surface.
Floor surfaces of curb ramps shall comply with Section 302.

406.6 Location.
Curb ramps and the flared sides of curb ramps shall be located so they do not project into vehicular traffic lanes, parking spaces, or parking access aisles. Curb ramps at marked crossings shall be wholly contained within the markings, excluding any flared sides.

406.7 Landings.
Landings shall be provided at the tops of curb ramps. The clear length of the landing shall be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum. The clear width of the landing shall be at least as wide as the curb ramp, excluding flared sides, leading to the landing.

**EXCEPTION:** In alterations, where there is no landing at the top of curb ramps, curb ramp flares shall be provided and shall not be steeper than 1:12.
406.8 Obstructions.
Curb ramps shall be located or protected to prevent their obstruction by parked vehicles.

406.9 Handrails.
Handrails shall not be required on curb ramps.

406.10 Diagonal Curb Ramps.
Diagonal or corner type curb ramps with returned curbs or other well defined edges shall have the edges parallel to the direction of pedestrian flow. The bottoms of diagonal curb ramps shall have 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum clear space outside active traffic lanes of the roadway. Diagonal curb ramps provided at marked crossings shall provide the 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum clear space within the markings. Diagonal curb ramps with flared sides shall have a segment of curb 24 inches (610 mm) minimum in length on each side of the curb ramp and within the marked crossing.

406.11 Islands.
Raised islands in crossings shall be a cut through level with the street or have curb ramps at both sides. Each curb ramp shall have a level area 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum in length and 36 inches (915 mm) minimum in width at the top of the curb ramp in the part of the island intersected by the crossings. Each 48-inch (1220 mm) by 36-inch (915 mm) area shall be oriented so the 48-inch (1220 mm) length is in the direction of the running slope of the curb ramp it serves. The 48-inch (1220 mm) by 36-inch (915 mm) areas and the accessible route shall be permitted to overlap.
406.12 Detectable Warnings at Raised Marked Crossings.
Marked crossings that are raised to the same level as the adjoining sidewalk shall be preceded by a detectable warning 24 inches (610 mm) in depth complying with Section 705. The detectable warning shall extend the full width of the marked crossing.

406.13 Detectable Warnings at Curb Ramps.
Where detectable warnings are provided on curb ramps, they shall comply with Sections 406.13 and 705.

406.13.1 Area Covered.
Detectable warnings shall be 24 inches (610 mm) minimum in depth in the direction of travel. The detectable warning shall extend the full width of the curb ramp or flush surface.

406.13.2 Location.
The detectable warning shall be located so the edge nearest the curb line is 6 inches (150 mm) minimum and 8 inches (205 mm) maximum from the curb line.

406.14 Detectable Warnings at Islands or Cutthrough Medians.
Where detectable warnings are provided on curb ramps or at raised marked crossings leading to islands or cut-through medians, the island or cut-through median shall be provided with detectable warnings complying with Section 705, that are 24 inches (610 mm) in depth, and extend the full width of the pedestrian route or cut-through. Where such island or cut-through median is less than 48 inches (1220 mm) in depth, the entire width and depth of the pedestrian route or cut-through shall have detectable warnings.

407 Elevators
407.1 General.
Elevators shall comply with Section 407 and ASME A17.1/CSA B44 listed in Section 105.2.5. Elevators shall be passenger elevators as classified by ASME A17.1/CSA B44. Elevator operation shall be automatic.

407.2 Elevator Landing Requirements.
Elevator landings shall comply with Section 407.2.

407.2.1 Call Controls.
Where elevator call buttons or keypads are provided, they shall comply with Sections 407.2.1 and 309.4. Call buttons shall be raised or flush. Objects beneath call buttons shall protrude 1 inch (25 mm) maximum.
EXCEPTIONS:

1. Existing elevators shall be permitted to have recessed call buttons.
2. The restriction on objects beneath call buttons shall not apply to existing call buttons.

407.2.1.1 Height.

Call buttons and keypads shall be located within one of the reach ranges specified in Section 308, measured to the centerline of the highest operable part.

**EXCEPTION:** Existing call buttons and existing keypads shall be permitted to be located 54 inches (1370 mm) maximum above the floor, measured to the centerline of the highest operable part.

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**FIG. 407.2.1.1**

HEIGHT OF ELEVATOR CALL BUTTONS

407.2.1.2 Size.

Call buttons shall be 3/4 inch (19 mm) minimum in the smallest dimension.

**EXCEPTION:** Existing elevator call buttons shall not be required to comply with Section 407.2.1.2.

407.2.1.3 Clear Floor Space.

A clear floor space complying with Section 305 shall be provided at call controls.

407.2.1.4 Location.

The call button that designates the up direction shall be located above the call button that designates the down direction.

**EXCEPTION:** Destination-oriented elevators shall not be required to comply with Section 407.2.1.4.

407.2.1.5 Signals.

Call buttons shall have visible signals to indicate when each call is registered and when each call is answered. Call buttons shall provide an audible signal or mechanical motion of the button to indicate when each call is registered.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Destination-oriented elevators shall not be required to comply with Section 407.2.1.5, provided a visible signal and audible tones and verbal announcements complying with Section 407.2.1.7 are provided.
2. Existing elevators shall not be required to comply with Section 407.2.1.5.

407.2.1.6 Keypads.

Where keypads are provided, keypads shall be in a standard telephone keypad arrangement and shall comply with Section 407.4.7.2.

407.2.1.7 Destination-oriented Elevator Signals.
Destination-oriented elevators shall be provided with a visible signal and audible tones and verbal announcements to indicate which car is responding to a call. The audible tone and verbal announcement shall be activated by pressing a function button. The function button shall be identified by the International Symbol for Accessibility and a raised indication. The International Symbol for Accessibility, complying with Section 703.6.3.1, shall be $\frac{5}{16}$ inch (16 mm) in height and be a visual character complying with Section 703.2. The indication shall be three raised dots, spaced $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6.4 mm) at base diameter, in the form of an equilateral triangle. The function button shall be located immediately below the keypad arrangement or floor buttons.

**FIG. 407.2.1.7**

DESTINATION-ORIENTED ELEVATOR INDICATION

407.2.2 Hall Signals.

Hall signals, including in-car signals, shall comply with Section 407.2.2.

407.2.2.1 Visible and Audible Signals.

A visible and audible signal shall be provided at each hoistway entrance to indicate which car is answering a call and the car’s direction of travel. Where in-car signals are provided they shall be visible from the floor area adjacent to the hall call buttons.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Destination-oriented elevators shall not be required to comply with Section 407.2.2.1, provided a visible signal and audible tones and verbal announcements complying with Section 407.2.1.7 are provided.
2. In existing elevators, a signal indicating the direction of car travel shall not be required.

407.2.2.2 Visible Signals.

Visible signal fixtures shall be centered at 72 inches (1830 mm) minimum above the floor. The visible signal elements shall be $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches (64 mm) minimum between the uppermost and lowest edges of the illuminated shape measured vertically. Signals shall be visible from the floor area adjacent to the hall call button.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Destination-oriented elevators shall be permitted to have signals visible from the floor area adjacent to the hoistway entrance.
2. Existing elevators shall not be required to comply with Section 407.2.2.2.
407.2.2.3 Audible Signals.

Audible signals shall sound once for the up direction and twice for the down direction, or shall have verbal annunciators that indicate the direction of elevator car travel. Audible signals shall have a frequency of 1500 Hz maximum. Verbal annunciators shall have a frequency of 300 Hz minimum and 3000 Hz maximum. The audible signal or verbal annunciator shall be 10 dBA minimum above ambient, but shall not exceed 80 dBA, measured at the hall call button.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. Destination-oriented elevators shall not be required to comply with Section 407.2.2.3, provided the audible tone and verbal announcement is the same as those given at the call button or call button keypad.
2. The requirement for the frequency and range of audible signals shall not apply in existing elevators.

407.2.2.4 Differentiation.

Each destination-oriented elevator in a bank of elevators shall have audible and visible means for differentiation.

407.2.3 Hoistway Signs.

Signs at elevator hoistways shall comply with Section 407.2.3.

407.2.3.1 Floor Designation.

Floor designations shall be provided in raised characters and braille complying with Sections 703.3 and 703.4. Raised characters shall be 2 inches (51 mm) minimum in height. Floor designations shall be located on both jamb of elevator hoistway entrances. A raised star shall be provided on both jambs at the main entry level.
407.2.3.2 Car Identification.

Destination-oriented elevators shall provide car identification in raised characters and braille complying with Sections 703.3 and 703.4. Raised characters shall be 2 inches (51 mm) minimum in height. Car identifications shall be located on both jambs of the hoistway immediately below the floor designation.

![Diagram of car identification](image)

**FIG. 407.2.3.2
DESTINATION-ORIENTED ELEVATOR CAR IDENTIFICATION**

407.2.4 Destination Signs.

Where signs indicate that elevators do not serve all landings, signs in raised characters and braille complying with Sections 703.3 and 703.4 shall be provided above the hall call button or keypad.

**EXCEPTION:** Destination oriented elevator systems shall not be required to comply with Section 407.2.4.

407.3 Elevator Door Requirements.

Hoistway and elevator car doors shall comply with Section 407.3.

407.3.1 Type.

Elevator doors shall be horizontal sliding type. Car gates shall be prohibited.

407.3.2 Operation.

Elevator hoistway and car doors shall open and close automatically.

**EXCEPTION:** Existing manually operated hoistway swing doors shall be permitted, provided the following criteria are met:

a) The hoistway doors comply with Sections 404.2.2 and 404.2.8;

b) The car door closing is not initiated until the hoistway door is closed.

407.3.3 Reopening Device.

Elevator doors shall be provided with a reopening device complying with Section 407.3.3 that shall stop and reopen a car door and hoistway door automatically if the door becomes obstructed by an object or person.

**EXCEPTION:** In existing elevators, manually operated doors shall not be required to comply with Section 407.3.3.

407.3.3.1 Height.

The reopening device shall be activated by sensing an obstruction passing through the opening at 5 inches (125 mm) nominal and 29 inches (735 mm) nominal above the floor.

407.3.3.2 Contact.

The reopening device shall not require physical contact to be activated, although contact shall be permitted before the door reverses.

407.3.3.3 Duration.

The reopening device shall remain effective for 20 seconds minimum.

407.3.4 Door and Signal Timing.
The minimum acceptable time from notification that a car is answering a call until the doors of that car start to close shall be calculated from the following equation:

\[ T = D/(1.5 \text{ ft/s}) \text{ or } T = D/(455 \text{ mm/s}) = 5 \text{ seconds minimum, where } T \text{ equals the total time in seconds and } D \text{ equals the distance (in feet or millimeters) from the point in the lobby or corridor 60 inches (1525 mm) directly in front of the farthest call button controlling that car to the centerline of its hoistway door.} \]

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. For cars with in-car lanterns, T shall be permitted to begin when the signal is visible from the point 60 inches (1525 mm) directly in front of the farthest hall call button and the audible signal is sounded.
2. Destination-oriented elevators shall not be required to comply with Section 407.3.4.

**407.3.5 Door Delay.**

Elevator doors shall remain fully open in response to a car call for 3 seconds minimum.

**407.3.6 Width.**

Elevator door clear opening width shall comply with Table 407.4.1.

**EXCEPTION:** In existing elevators, a power-operated car door complying with Section 404.2.2 shall be permitted.

**407.4 Elevator Car Requirements.**

Elevator cars shall comply with Section 407.4.

**407.4.1 Inside Dimensions.**

Inside dimensions of elevator cars shall comply with Table 407.4.1.

**EXCEPTION:** Existing elevator car configurations that provide a clear floor area of 16 square feet (1.5 m\(^2\)) minimum, and provide a clear inside dimension of 36 inches (915 mm) minimum in width and 54 inches (1370 mm) minimum in depth, shall be permitted.

**TABLE 407.4.1—MINIMUM DIMENSIONS OF ELEVATOR CARS**

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<th>Door Locations</th>
<th>Door Clear Opening Width</th>
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<th>Inside Car 12 in to Front Return</th>
<th>Inside Car 12 in to Inside Face</th>
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<tr>
<td>General</td>
<td>42 inches (1066 mm)</td>
<td>36 inches (915 mm)</td>
<td>51 inches (1295 mm)</td>
<td>50 inches (1270 mm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Side (left side)</td>
<td>36 inches (915 mm)</td>
<td>44 inches (1118 mm)</td>
<td>51 inches (1295 mm)</td>
<td>48 inches (1219 mm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Any</td>
<td>36 inches (915 mm)</td>
<td>31 inches (787 mm)</td>
<td>51 inches (1295 mm)</td>
<td>48 inches (1219 mm)</td>
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<td>36 inches (915 mm)</td>
<td>31 inches (787 mm)</td>
<td>40 inches (1016 mm)</td>
<td>48 inches (1219 mm)</td>
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\(^1\)A tolerance of minus \(\frac{3}{16}\) inch (16 mm) is permitted.

\(^2\)Other car configurations that provide a 36-inch (915 mm) door clear opening width and a turning space complying with Section 304 with the door closed are permitted.
407.4.2 Floor Surfaces.

Floor surfaces in elevator cars shall comply with Section 302.

407.4.3 Platform to Hoistway Clearance.

The clearance between the car platform sill and the edge of any hoistway landing shall comply with ASME A17.1/CSA B44 listed in Section 105.2.5.

407.4.4 Leveling.

Each car shall automatically stop and maintain position at floor landings within a tolerance of 1/2 inch (13 mm) under rated loading to zero loading conditions.

407.4.5 Illumination.

The level of illumination at the car controls, platform, car threshold and car landing shall comply with ASME A17.1/CSA B44 listed in Section 105.2.5.

407.4.6 Elevator Car Controls.

Where provided, elevator car controls shall comply with Sections 407.4.6 and 309.

**EXCEPTION:** In existing elevators, where a new car operating panel complying with Section 407.4.6 is provided, existing car operating panels shall not be required to comply with Section 407.4.6.
407.4.6.1 Location.
Controls shall be located within one of the reach ranges specified in Section 308.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. Where the elevator panel complies with Section 407.4.8.
2. In existing elevators, where a parallel approach is provided to the controls, car control buttons with floor designations shall be permitted to be located 34 inches (1370 mm) maximum above the floor. Where the panel is changed, it shall comply with Section 407.4.6.1.

407.4.6.2 Buttons.
Car control buttons with floor designations shall be raised or flush, and shall comply with Section 407.4.6.2.

EXCEPTION: In existing elevators, buttons shall be permitted to be recessed.

FIG. 407.4.6.2
ELEVATOR CAR CONTROL BUTTONS

407.4.6.2.1 Size.
Buttons shall be 3/4 inch (19 mm) minimum in their smallest dimension.

407.4.6.2.2 Arrangement.
Buttons shall be arranged with numbers in ascending order. Floors shall be designated ... -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, etcetera, with floors below the main entry floor designated with minus numbers. Numbers shall be permitted to be omitted, provided the remaining numbers are in sequence. Where a telephone keypad arrangement is used, the number key ("*") shall be utilized to enter the minus symbol ("-"). When two or more columns of buttons are provided they shall read from left to right.

407.4.6.3 Keypads.
Where provided, car control keypads shall be in a standard telephone keypad arrangement and shall comply with Section 407.4.7.2.

407.4.6.4 Emergency Controls.
Emergency controls shall comply with Section 407.4.6.4.

407.4.6.4.1 Height.
Emergency control buttons shall have their centerlines 35 inches (890 mm) minimum above the floor.

407.4.6.4.2 Location.
Emergency controls, including the emergency alarm, shall be grouped at the bottom of the panel.

407.4.7 Designations and Indicators of Car Controls.
Designations and indicators of car controls shall comply with Section 407.4.7.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. In existing elevators, where a new car operating panel complying with Section 407.4.7 is provided, existing car operating panels shall not be required to comply with Section 407.4.7.

2. Where existing building floor designations differ from the arrangement required by Section 407.4.6.2.2, or are alphanumeric, a new operating panel shall be permitted to use such existing building floor designations.

407.4.7.1 Buttons.

Car control buttons shall comply with Section 407.4.7.1.

407.4.7.1.1 Type.

Control buttons shall be identified by raised characters and braille complying with Sections 703.3 and 703.4.

407.4.7.1.2 Location.

Raised character and braille designations shall be placed immediately to the left of the control button to which the designations apply. Where a negative number is used to indicate a negative floor, the braille designation shall be a cell with the dots 3 and 6 followed by the ordinal number.

EXCEPTION: Where space on an existing car operating panel precludes raised characters and braille to the left of the control button, markings shall be placed as near to the control button as possible.

407.4.7.1.3 Symbols.

The control button for the emergency stop, alarm, door open, door close, main entry floor, and phone, shall be identified with raised symbols and braille as shown in Table 407.4.7.1.3.

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### 407.4.7.1.4 Visible Indicators.

Buttons with floor designations shall be provided with visible indicators to show that a call has been registered. The visible indication shall extinguish when the car arrives at the designated floor.

#### 407.4.7.2 Keypads.

Keypad keys shall be identified by visual characters complying with Section 703.2 centered on the corresponding keypad button. The number five key shall have a single raised dot. The dot shall have a base diameter of 0.118 inch (3 mm) minimum and 0.120 inch (3.05 mm) maximum, and a height of 0.025 inch (0.6 mm) minimum and 0.037 inch (0.9 mm) maximum.

#### 407.4.8 Elevator Car Call Sequential Step Scanning.

Elevator car call sequential step scanning shall be provided where car control buttons are provided more than 48 inches (1220 mm) above the floor. Floor selection shall be accomplished by applying momentary or constant pressure to the up or down scan button. The up scan button shall sequentially select floors above the current floor. The down scan button shall sequentially select floors below the current floor. When pressure is removed from the up or down scan button for more than 2 seconds, the last floor selected shall be registered as a car call. The up and down scan button shall be located adjacent to or immediately above the emergency control buttons.

#### 407.4.9 Car Position Indicators.

Audible and visible car position indicators shall be provided in elevator cars.

##### 407.4.9.1 Visible Indicators.

Visible indicators shall comply with Section 407.4.9.1.

1. **407.4.9.1.1 Size.**
   
   Characters shall be 1/2 inch (13 mm) minimum in height.

2. **407.4.9.1.2 Location.**
   
   Indicators shall be located above the car control panel or above the door.

3. **407.4.9.1.3 Floor Arrival.**
   
   As the car passes a floor and when a car stops at a floor served by the elevator, the corresponding character shall illuminate.

   **EXCEPTION:** Destination-oriented elevators shall not be required to comply with Section 407.4.9.1.3, provided the visible indicators extinguish when the call has been answered.

4. **407.4.9.1.4 Destination Indicator.**
In destination-oriented elevators, a display shall be provided in the car with visible indicators to show car destinations.

407.4.9.2 Audible Indicators.
Audible indicators shall comply with Section 407.4.9.2.

407.4.9.2.1 Signal Type.
The signal shall be an automatic verbal annunciator that announces the floor at which the car is about to stop. The verbal announcement indicating the floor shall be completed prior to the initiation of the door opening.

EXCEPTION: For elevators other than destination-oriented elevators that have a rated speed of 200 feet per minute (1 m/s) maximum, a non-verbal audible signal with a frequency of 1500 Hz maximum that sounds as the car passes or is about to stop at a floor served by the elevator shall be permitted.

407.4.9.2.2 Signal Level.
The verbal annunciator shall be 10 dBA minimum above ambient, but shall not exceed 80 dBA, measured at the annunciator.

407.4.9.2.3 Frequency.
The verbal annunciator shall have a frequency of 300 Hz minimum and 3,000 Hz maximum.

407.4.10 Emergency Communications.
Emergency two-way communication systems between the elevator car and a point outside the hoistway shall comply with Section 407.4.10 and ASME A17.1/CSA B44 listed in Section 105.2.5.

407.4.10.1 Height.
The highest operable part of a two-way communication system shall comply with Section 308.

407.4.10.2 Identification.
Raised characters and braille complying with Sections 703.3 and 703.4 and raised symbols complying with Section 407.4.1.3 shall be provided adjacent to the device.

408 Limited-use/Limited-application Elevators

408.1 General.
Limited-use/limited-application elevators shall comply with Section 408 and ASME A17.1/CSA B44 listed in Section 105.2.5. Elevator operation shall be automatic.

408.2 Elevator Landing Requirements.
Landings serving limited-use/limited application elevators shall comply with Section 408.2.

408.2.1 Call Controls.
Elevator call buttons and keypads shall comply with Section 407.2.1.

408.2.2 Hall Signals.
Hall signals shall comply with Section 407.2.2.

408.2.3 Hoistway Signs.
Signs at elevator hoistways shall comply with Section 407.2.3.

408.3 Elevator Door Requirements.
Elevator hoistway doors shall comply with Section 408.3.

408.3.1 Sliding Doors.
Sliding hoistway and car doors shall comply with Sections 407.3.1 through 407.3.3, and 408.3.3.
408.3.2 Swinging Doors.
Swinging hoistway doors shall open and close automatically and shall comply with Sections 408.3.2, 404, and 407.3.2.

408.3.2.1 Power Operation.
Swinging doors shall be power-operated and shall comply with ANSI/ BHMA A156.19 listed in Section 105.2.3.

408.3.2.2 Duration.
Power-operated swinging doors shall remain open for 20 seconds minimum when activated.

408.3.3 Door Location and Width.
Car doors shall comply with Section 408.3.3.
FIG. 408.3.3

DOOR LOCATION FOR LIMITED USE/LIMITED APPLICATION (LULA) ELEVATORS

408.3.3.1 Cars with Single Door or Doors on Opposite Ends.
Car doors shall be positioned at the narrow end of cars with a single door and on cars with doors on opposite ends. Doors shall provide a clear opening width of 32 inches (815 mm) minimum.

408.3.3.2 Cars with Doors on Adjacent Sides.
Car doors shall be permitted to be located on adjacent sides of cars that provide an 18 square foot (1.67 m²) platform. Doors located on the narrow end of cars shall provide a clear opening width of 36 inches (915 mm) minimum. Doors located on the long side shall provide a clear opening width of 42 inches (1065 mm) minimum and be located as far as practicable from the door on the narrow end.

EXCEPTION: Car doors that provide a clear opening width of 36 inches (915 mm) minimum shall be permitted to be located on adjacent sides of cars that provide a clear floor area of 51 inches (1295 mm) in width and 54 inches (1370 mm) in depth.

408.4 Elevator Car Requirements.
Elevator cars shall comply with Section 408.4.

408.4.1 Inside Dimensions.
Elevator cars shall provide a clear floor width of 42 inches (1065 mm) minimum. The clear floor area shall not be less than 15.75 square feet (1.46 m²).

EXCEPTION: For installations in existing buildings, elevator cars that provide a clear floor area of 15 square feet (1.4 m²) minimum, and provide a clear inside dimension of 36 inches (915 mm) minimum in width and 54 inches (1370 mm) minimum in depth, shall be permitted. This exception shall not apply to cars with doors on adjacent sides.
FIG. 408.4.1
INSIDE DIMENSIONS OF LIMITED USE/LIMITED APPLICATION (LULA) ELIVATOR CARS

408.4.2 Floor Surfaces.
Floor surfaces in elevator cars shall comply with Section 302.

408.4.3 Platform to Hoistway Clearance.
The clearance between the car platform sill and the edge of any hoistway landing shall comply with ASME A17.1/CSA B44 listed in Section 105.2.5.

408.4.4 Leveling.

*Door opening size from Section 408.3.3
Elevator car leveling shall comply with Section 407.4.4.

408.4.5 Illumination.
Elevator car illumination shall comply with Section 407.4.5.

408.4.6 Elevator Car Controls.
Elevator car controls shall comply with Section 407.4.6. Control panels shall be centered on a side wall.

408.4.7 Designations and Indicators of Car Controls.
Designations and indicators of car controls shall comply with Section 407.4.7.

408.4.8 Emergency Communications.
Car emergency signaling devices complying with Section 407.4.10 shall be provided.

409 Private Residence Elevators

409.1 General.
Private residence elevators shall comply with Section 409 and ASME A17.1/CSA B44 listed in Section 105.2.5. Elevator operation shall be automatic.

EXCEPTION: Elevators complying with Section 407 or 408 shall not be required to comply with Section 409.

409.2 Call Controls.
Call buttons at elevator landings shall comply with Section 309. Call buttons shall be 3/4 inch (19 mm) minimum in their smallest dimension.

409.3 Doors and Gates.
Elevator car and hoistway doors and gates shall comply with Sections 409.3 and 404.

EXCEPTION: The maneuvering clearances required by Section 404.2.3 shall not apply for approaches to the push side of swinging doors.

409.3.1 Power Operation.
Elevator car doors and gates shall be power operated and shall comply with ANSI/BHMA A156.19 listed in Section 105.2.3. Elevator cars with a single opening shall have low energy power operated hoistway doors and gates.

EXCEPTION: Hoistway doors or gates shall be permitted to be of the self-closing, manual type, where that door or gate provides access to a narrow end of the car that serves only one landing.

409.3.2 Duration.
Power operated doors and gates shall remain open for 20 seconds minimum when activated.

409.3.3 Door or Gate Location and Width.
Car gates or doors positioned at a narrow end of the clear floor area required by Section 409.4.1 shall provide a clear opening width of 32 inches (815 mm) minimum. Car gates or doors positioned on adjacent sides shall provide a clear opening width of 42 inches (1065 mm) minimum.

409.4 Elevator Car Requirements.
Elevator cars shall comply with Section 409.4.

409.4.1 Inside Dimensions.
Elevator cars shall provide a clear floor area 36 inches (915 mm) minimum in width and 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum in depth.

409.4.2 Floor Surfaces.
Floor surfaces in elevator cars shall comply with Section 302.

409.4.3 Platform to Hoistway Clearance.
The clearance between the car platform sill and the edge of any hoistway landing shall be 1\(\frac{1}{4}\) inches (32 mm) maximum.

409.4.4 Leveling.
Each car shall automatically stop at a floor landing within a tolerance of \(\frac{1}{2}\) inch (13 mm) under rated loading to zero loading conditions.

409.4.5 Illumination.
The level of illumination at the car controls, platform, and car threshold and landing sill shall be 5 foot-candles (54 lux) minimum.

409.4.6 Elevator Car Controls.
Elevator car controls shall comply with Sections 409.4.6 and 309.4.

409.4.6.1 Buttons.
Control buttons shall be \(\frac{3}{4}\) inch (19 mm) minimum in their smallest dimension. Control buttons shall be raised or flush.

409.4.6.2 Height.
Buttons with floor designations shall comply with Section 309.3.

409.4.6.3 Location.
Controls shall be on a sidewall, 12 inches (305 mm) minimum from any adjacent wall.

![FIG. 409.4.6.3
LOCATION OF CONTROLS IN PRIVATE RESIDENCE ELEVATORS](image)

409.4.7 Emergency Communications.
Emergency communications systems shall comply with Section 409.4.7.

409.4.7.1 Type.
A telephone and emergency signal device shall be provided in the car.

409.4.7.2 Operable Parts.
The telephone and emergency signaling device shall comply with Section 309.3 and 309.4.

409.4.7.3 Compartment.
If the device is in a closed compartment, the compartment door hardware shall comply with Section 309.

409.4.7.4 Cord.
The telephone cord shall be 29 inches (735 mm) minimum in length.

410 Platform Lifts

410.1 General.

Platform lifts shall comply with Section 410 and ASME A18.1 listed in Section 105.2.6. Platform lifts shall not be attendant operated and shall provide unassisted entry and exit from the lift.

410.2 Lift Entry.

Lifts with doors or gates shall comply with Section 410.2.1. Lifts with ramps shall comply with Section 410.2.2.

410.2.1 Doors and Gates.

Doors and gates shall be low energy power operated doors or gates complying with Section 404.3. Doors shall remain open for 20 seconds minimum. On lifts with one door or with doors on opposite ends, the end door clear opening width shall be 32 inches (815 mm) minimum. On lifts with one door on a narrow end and one door on a long side, the end door clear opening width shall be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum. Side door clear opening width shall be 42 inches (1065 mm) minimum. Where a door is provided on a long side and on a narrow end of a lift, the side door shall be located with either the strike side or the hinge side in the corner furthest from the door on the narrow end.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Doors or gates shall be permitted to be of the self-closing, manual type, where that door or gate provides access to a narrow end of the platform that serves only one landing. This exception shall not apply to doors or gates with ramps.

2. Lifts serving two landings maximum and having doors or gates on adjacent sides shall be permitted to have self closing manual doors or gates provided that the side door or gate is located with the strike side furthest from the end door. This exception shall not apply to door or gates with ramps.
410.2.2 Ramps.

Ramp widths shall not be less than the platform opening they serve.

410.3 Floor Surfaces.

Floor surfaces of platform lifts shall comply with Section 302.

410.4 Platform to Runway Clearance.

The clearance between the platform sill and the edge of any runway landing shall be 1 1/4 inch (32 mm) maximum.

410.5 Clear Floor Space.

Clear floor space of platform lifts shall comply with Section 410.5.
410.5.1 Lifts with Single Door or Doors on Opposite Ends.

Platform lifts with a single door or with doors on opposite ends shall provide a clear floor width of 36 inches (915 mm) minimum and a clear floor depth of 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum.

410.5.2 Lifts with Doors on Adjacent Sides.

Platform lifts with doors on adjacent sides shall provide a clear floor width of 42 inches (1065 mm) minimum and a clear floor depth of 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum.

EXCEPTION: In existing buildings, platform lifts with doors on adjacent sides shall be permitted to provide a clear floor width of 36 inches (915 mm) and a clear floor depth of 60 inches (1525 mm).

410.6 Operable Parts.

Controls for platform lifts shall comply with Section 309.
501 General

501.1 Scope.
General site and building elements required to be accessible by the scoping provisions adopted by the administrative authority shall comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5.

502 Parking Spaces

502.1 General.
Accessible car and van parking spaces shall comply with Section 502.

502.2 Vehicle Space Size.
Car parking spaces shall be 96 inches (2440 mm) minimum in width. Van parking spaces shall be 132 inches (3350 mm) minimum in width.

EXCEPTION: Van parking spaces shall be permitted to be 96 inches (2440 mm) minimum in width where the adjacent access aisle is 96 inches (2440 mm) minimum in width.

FIG. 502.2
VEHICLE PARKING SPACE SIZE

502.3 Vehicle Space Marking.
Car and van parking spaces shall be marked to define the width. Where parking spaces are marked with lines, the width measurements of parking spaces and adjacent access aisles shall be made from the centerline of the markings.

EXCEPTION: Where parking spaces or access aisles are not adjacent to another parking space or access aisle, measurements shall be permitted to include the full width of the line defining the parking space or access aisle.

502.4 Access Aisle.
Car and van parking spaces shall have an adjacent access aisle complying with Section 502.4.
PARKING SPACE ACCESS AISLE

502.4.1 Location.

Access aisles shall adjoin an accessible route. Two parking spaces shall be permitted to share a common access aisle. Access aisles shall not overlap with the vehicular way. Parking spaces shall be permitted to have access aisles placed on either side of the car or van parking space. Van parking spaces that are angled shall have access aisles located on the passenger side of the parking space.

502.4.2 Width.

Access aisles serving car and van parking spaces shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in width.

502.4.3 Length.

Access aisles shall extend the full length of the parking spaces they serve.

502.4.4 Marking.

Access aisles shall be marked so as to discourage parking in them. Where access aisles are marked with lines, the width measurements of access aisles and adjacent parking spaces shall be made from the centerline of the markings.

**EXCEPTION:** Where access aisles or parking spaces are not adjacent to another access aisle or parking space, measurements shall be permitted to include the full width of the line defining the access aisle or parking space.

502.5 Floor Surfaces.

Parking spaces and access aisles shall comply with Section 302 and have surface slopes not steeper than 1:48. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the parking spaces they serve.

502.6 Vertical Clearance.

A vertical clearance of 98 inches (2490 mm) minimum shall be provided at the following locations:

1. Parking spaces for vans.
2. The access aisles serving parking spaces for vans.
3. The vehicular routes serving parking spaces for vans.

502.7 Identification.

Where accessible parking spaces are required to be identified by signs, the signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with Section 703.6.3.1. Signs identifying van parking spaces shall contain the designation "van accessible." Such signs shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum above the floor of the parking space, measured to the bottom of the sign.

502.8 Relationship to Accessible Routes.

Parking spaces and access aisles shall be designed so that cars and vans, when parked, cannot obstruct the required clear width of adjacent accessible routes.

503 Passenger Loading Zones

503.1 General.

Accessible passenger loading zones shall comply with Section 503.

503.2 Vehicle Pull-up Space Size.

Passenger loading zones shall provide a vehicular pull-up space 96 inches (2440 mm) minimum in width and 20 feet (6095 mm) minimum in length.

503.3 Access Aisle.

Passenger loading zones shall have an adjacent access aisle complying with Section 503.3.
503.3.1 Location.
Access aisles shall adjoin an accessible route. Access aisles shall not overlap the vehicular way.

503.3.2 Width.
Access aisles serving vehicle pull-up spaces shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in width.

503.3.3 Length.
Access aisles shall be 20 feet (6095 mm) minimum in length.

503.3.4 Marking.
Access aisles shall be marked so as to discourage parking in them.

503.4 Floor Surfaces.
Vehicle pull-up spaces and access aisles serving them shall comply with Section 302 and shall have slopes not steeper than 1:48. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the vehicle pull-up space they serve.

503.5 Vertical Clearance.
A vertical clearance of 114 inches (2895 mm) minimum shall be provided at the following locations:
1. Vehicle pull-up spaces;
2. The access aisles serving vehicle pull-up spaces;
3. A vehicular route from an entrance to the passenger loading zone, and;
4. A vehicular route from the passenger loading zone to a vehicular exit serving vehicle pull-up spaces.

504 Stairways
504.1 General.
Accessible stairs shall comply with Section 504.

504.2 Treads and Risers.
All steps on a flight of stairs shall have uniform riser height and uniform tread depth. Risers shall be 4 inches (100 mm) minimum and 7 inches (180 mm) maximum in height. Treads shall be 11 inches (280 mm) minimum in depth.
504.3 Open Risers.
Open risers shall not be permitted.

504.4 Tread Surface.
Stair treads shall comply with Section 302 and shall have a slope not steeper than 1:48.

504.5 Nosings.
The radius of curvature at the leading edge of the tread shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (13 mm) maximum. Nosings that project beyond risers shall have the underside of the leading edge curved or beveled. Risers shall be permitted to slope under the tread at an angle of 30 degrees maximum from vertical. The permitted projection of the nosing shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ inches (38 mm) maximum over the tread or floor below.

504.5.1 Visual contrast.
The leading 2 inches (51 mm) of the tread shall have visual contrast of darken-light or light-on-dark from the remainder of the tread.

504.6 Handrails.
Stairs shall have handrails complying with Section 505.

504.7 Wet Conditions.
Stair treads and landings subject to wet conditions shall be designed to prevent the accumulation of water.

504.8 Lighting.

Lighting for interior stairways shall comply with Section 504.8.

504.8.1 Illumination Level.

Lighting facilities shall be capable of providing 10 foot-candles (108 lux) of illuminance measured at the center of tread surfaces and on landing surfaces within 24 inches (610 mm) of step nosings.

504.8.2 Lighting Controls.

If provided, occupaninesensing automatic controls shall activate the stairway lighting so the illuminance level required by Section 504.8.1 is provided on the entrance landing, each stair flight adjacent to the entrance landing, and on the landings above and below the entrance landing prior to any step being used.

504.9 Stair Level Identification.

Stair level identification signs in raised characters and braille complying with Sections 703.3 and 703.4 shall be located at each floor level landing in all enclosed stairways adjacent to the door landing from the stairwell into the corridor to identify the floor level. The exit door discharging to the outside or to the level of exit discharge shall have a sign with raised characters and braille stating "EXIT."

505 Handrails

505.1 General.

Handrails required by Section 405.8 for ramps, or Section 504.6 for stairs, shall comply with Section 505.

505.2 Location.

Handrails shall be provided on both sides of stairs and ramps.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. In assembly seating areas, handrails shall not be required on both sides along aisle stairs, provided with a handrail either at the side or within the aisle.
2. In assembly seating areas, handrails shall not be required on the sides of ramped aisles serving seats.

505.3 Continuity.

Handrails shall be continuous within the full length of each stair flight or ramp run. Inside handrails on switchback or dogleg stairs or ramps shall be continuous between flights or runs. Other handrails shall comply with Sections 505.10 and 307.

EXCEPTION: Handrails shall not be required to be continuous in aisles serving seating where handrails are discontinuous to provide access to seating and to permit crossovers within the aisles.

505.4 Height.

Top of gripping surfaces of handrails shall be 34 inches (865 mm) minimum and 38 inches (965 mm) maximum vertically above stair nosings, ramp surfaces and walking surfaces. Handrails shall be at a consistent height above stair nosings, ramp surfaces and walking surfaces.
505.5 Clearance.

Clearance between handrail gripping surface and adjacent surfaces shall be 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches (38 mm) minimum.

![Diagram of handrail height]

505.6 Gripping Surface.

Gripping surfaces shall be continuous, without interruption by newel posts, other construction elements, or obstructions.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Handrail brackets or balusters attached to the bottom surface of the handrail shall not be considered obstructions, provided the brackets or balusters comply with the following criteria:
   a. Not more than 20 percent of the handrail length is obstructed.
   b. Horizontal projections beyond the sides of the handrail occur 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches (38 mm) minimum below the bottom of the handrail, and provided that for each 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) inch (13 mm) of additional handrail perimeter dimension above 4 inches (100 mm), the vertical clearance dimension of 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) inch (38 mm) can be reduced by 1/8 inch (3.2 mm), and
   c. Edges shall be rounded.

2. Where handrails are provided along walking surfaces with slopes not steeper than 1:20, the bottoms of handrail gripping surfaces shall be permitted to be obstructed along their entire length where they are integral to crash rails or bumper guards.

505.7 Cross Section.

Handrails shall have a cross section complying with Section 505.7.1 or 505.7.2.

![Diagram of handrail cross section]
505.7.1 Circular Cross Section.

Handrails with a circular cross section shall have an outside diameter of 1 1/4 inches (32 mm) minimum and 2 inches (51 mm) maximum.

505.7.2 Noncircular Cross Sections.

Handrails with a noncircular cross section shall have a perimeter dimension of 4 inches (100 mm) minimum and 6 1/4 inches (160 mm) maximum, and a cross-section dimension of 2 1/4 inches (57 mm) maximum.

505.8 Surfaces.

Handrails, and any wall or other surfaces adjacent to them, shall be free of any sharp or abrasive elements. Edges shall be rounded.

505.9 Fittings.

Handrails shall not rotate within their fittings.

505.10 Handrail Extensions.

Handrails shall extend beyond and in the same direction of stair flights and ramp runs in accordance with Section 505.10.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Continuous handrails at the inside turn of stairs and ramps.
2. Handrail extensions are not required in aisles serving seating where the handrails are discontinuous to provide access to seating and to permit crossovers within the aisle.
3. In alterations, full extensions of handrails shall not be required where such extensions would be hazardous due to plan configuration.

505.10.1 Top and Bottom Extension at Ramps.

Ramp handrails shall extend horizontally above the landing 12 inches (305 mm) minimum beyond the top and bottom of ramp runs. Extensions shall return to a wall, guard, or floor, or shall be continuous to the handrail of an adjacent ramp run.

FIG. 505.10.1

TOP AND BOTTOM HANDRAIL EXTENSIONS AT RAMPS

505.10.2 Top Extension at Stairs.

At the top of a stair flight, handrails shall extend horizontally above the landing for 12 inches (305 mm) minimum beginning directly above the landing nosing. Extensions shall return to a wall, guard, or the landing surface, or shall be continuous to the handrail of an adjacent stair flight.
505.10.3 Bottom Extension at Stairs.

At the bottom of a stair flight, handrails shall extend at the slope of the stair flight for a horizontal distance equal to one tread depth beyond the bottom tread nosing. Extensions shall return to a wall, guard, or the landing surface, or shall be continuous to the handrail of an adjacent stair flight.

506 Windows

506.1 General.

Accessible windows shall have operable parts complying with Section 309.
Chapter 9. Built-in Furnishings and Equipment

901 General

901.1 Scope.
Built-in furnishings and equipment required to be accessible by the scoping provisions adopted by the administrative authority shall comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 9.

902 Dining Surfaces and Work Surfaces

902.1 General.
Accessible dining surfaces and work surfaces shall comply with Section 902.

EXCEPTION: Dining surfaces and work surfaces primarily for children’s use shall be permitted to comply with Section 902.5.

902.2 Clear Floor Space.
A clear floor space complying with Section 305, positioned for a forward approach, shall be provided. Knee and toe clearance complying with Section 306 shall be provided.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. At drink surfaces 12 inches (305 mm) or less in depth, knee and toe space shall not be required to extend beneath the surface beyond the depth of the drink surface provided.
2. Dining surfaces that are 15 inches (380 mm) minimum and 24 inches (610 mm) maximum in height are permitted to have a clear floor space complying with Section 305 positioned for a parallel approach.

902.3 Exposed Surfaces.
There shall be no sharp or abrasive surfaces under the exposed portions of dining surfaces and work surfaces.

902.4 Height.
The tops of dining surfaces and work surfaces shall be 28 inches (710 mm) minimum and 34 inches (865 mm) maximum in height above the floor.

902.5 Dining Surfaces and Work Surfaces for Children’s Use.
Accessible dining surfaces and work surfaces primarily for children’s use shall comply with Section 902.5.

EXCEPTION: Dining surfaces and work surfaces used primarily by children ages 5 and younger shall not be required to comply with Section 902.5 where a clear floor space complying with Section 305 is provided and is positioned for a parallel approach.

902.5.1 Clear Floor Space.
A clear floor space complying with Section 305, positioned for forward approach, shall be provided. Knee and toe clearance complying with Section 306 shall be provided.

EXCEPTION: A knee clearance of 24 inches (610 mm) minimum above the floor shall be permitted.

902.5.2 Height.
The tops of tables and counters shall be 26 inches (660 mm) minimum and 30 inches (780 mm) maximum above the floor.

903 Benches
903.1 General.
Accessible benches shall comply with Section 903.

903.2 Clear Floor Space.
A clear floor space complying with Section 305, positioned for parallel approach to the bench seat, shall be provided.

903.3 Size.
Benches shall have seats 42 inches (1065 mm) minimum in length, and 20 inches (510 mm) minimum and 24 inches (610 mm) maximum in depth.

903.4 Back Support.
The bench shall provide for back support or shall be affixed to a wall. Back support shall be 42 inches (1065 mm) minimum in length and shall extend from a point 2 inches (51 mm) maximum above the seat surface to a point 18 inches (455 mm) minimum above the seat surface. Back support shall be 2 1/2 inches (64 mm) maximum from the rear edge of the seat measured horizontally.

903.5 Height.
The top of the bench seat shall be 17 inches (430 mm) minimum and 19 inches (485 mm) maximum above the floor, measured to the top of the seat.

EXCEPTION: Benches primarily for children’s use shall be permitted to be 11 inches (280 mm) minimum and 17 inches (430 mm) maximum above the floor, measured to the top of the seat.

903.6 Structural Strength.
Allowable stresses shall not be exceeded for materials used where a vertical or horizontal force of 250 pounds (1112 N) is applied at any point on the seat, fastener mounting device, or supporting structure.

903.7 Wet Locations.
Where provided in wet locations the surface of the seat shall be slip resistant and shall not accumulate water.

904 Sales and Service Counters
904.1 General.

Accessible sales and service counters and windows shall comply with Section 904 as applicable.

**EXCEPTION:** Drive up only sales or service counters and windows are not required to comply with Section 904.

904.2 Approach.

All portions of counters required to be accessible shall be located adjacent to a walking surface complying with Section 403.

904.3 Sales and Service Counters.

Sales and service counters shall comply with Section 904.3.1 or 904.3.2. The accessible portion of the countertop shall extend the same depth as the sales and service countertop.

904.3.1 Parallel Approach.

A portion of the counter surface 36 inches (915 mm) minimum in length and 36 inches (915 mm) maximum in height above the floor shall be provided. Where the counter surface is less than 36 inches (915 mm) in length, the entire counter surface shall be 36 inches (915 mm) maximum in height above the floor. A clear floor space complying with Section 305, positioned for a parallel approach adjacent to the accessible counter, shall be provided.

904.3.2 Forward Approach.

A portion of the counter surface 30 inches (760 mm) minimum in length and 36 inches (915 mm) maximum in height above the floor shall be provided. A clear floor space complying with Section 305, positioned for a forward approach to the accessible counter, shall be provided. Knee and toe clearance complying with Section 306 shall be provided under the accessible counter.

904.4 Checkout Aisles.

Checkout aisles shall comply with Section 904.4.

904.4.1 Aisle.

Aisles shall comply with Section 403.

904.4.2 Counters.

The checkout counter surface shall be 38 inches (965 mm) maximum in height above the floor. The top of the counter edge protection shall be 2 inches (51 mm) maximum above the top of the counter surface on the aisle side of the checkout counter.

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**FIG. 904.4.2**  
HEIGHT OF CHECKOUT COUNTERS

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Where provided, check writing surfaces shall comply with Section 902.4.

904.5 Food Service Lines.
Counters in food service lines shall comply with Section 904.5.

904.5.1 Self-Service Shelves and Dispensing Devices.
Self-service shelves and dispensing devices for tableware, dishware, condiments, food and beverages shall comply with Section 308.

904.5.2 Tray Slides.
The tops of tray slides shall be 28 inches (710 mm) minimum and 34 inches (865 mm) maximum above the floor.

904.6 Security Glazing.
Where counters or teller windows have security glazing to separate personnel from the public, a method to facilitate voice communication shall be provided. Telephone handset devices, if provided, shall comply with Section 704.3.

905 Storage Facilities
905.1 General.
Accessible storage facilities shall comply with Section 905.

905.2 Clear Floor Space.
A clear floor space complying with Section 305 shall be provided.

905.3 Height.
Accessible storage elements shall comply with at least one of the reach ranges specified in Section 308.

905.4 Operable Parts.
Operable parts of storage facilities shall comply with Section 309.
Chapter 10. Dwelling Units and Sleeping Units

1001 General

1001.1 Scoping.

Dwelling units and sleeping units required to be Accessible units, Type A units, Type B units, Type C (Visitable) units or units with accessible communication features by the scoping provisions adopted by the administrative authority shall comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 10.

1002 Accessible Units

1002.1 General.

Accessible units shall comply with Section 1002.

1002.2 Primary Entrance.

The accessible primary entrance shall be on an accessible route from public and common areas. The primary entrance shall not be to a bedroom unless it is the only entrance.

1002.3 Accessible Route.

Accessible routes within Accessible units shall comply with Section 1002.3.

1002.3.1 Location.

At least one accessible route shall connect all spaces and elements that are a part of the unit. Accessible routes shall coincide with or be located in the same area as a general circulation path.

EXCEPTION: An accessible route is not required to unfinished attics and unfinished basements that are part of the unit.

1002.3.2 Turning Space.

All rooms served by an accessible route shall provide a turning space complying with Section 304.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. A turning space shall not be required in toilet rooms and bathrooms that are not required to comply with Section 1002.11.2.
2. A turning space is not required within closets or pantries that are 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum in depth.

1002.3.3 Components.

Accessible routes shall consist of one or more of the following elements: walking surfaces with a slope not steeper than 1:20, doors and doorways, ramps, elevators, and platform lifts.

1002.4 Walking Surfaces.

Walking surfaces that are part of an accessible route shall comply with Section 403.

1002.5 Doors and Doorways.

The primary entrance door to the unit, and all other doorways intended for user passage, shall comply with Section 404.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Existing doors to hospital patient sleeping rooms shall be exempt from the requirement for space at the latch side provided the door is 44 inches (1120 mm) minimum in width.
2. In toilet rooms and bathrooms not required to comply with Section 1002.11.2, maneuvering clearances required by Section 404.2.3 are not required on the toilet room or bathroom side of the door.
3. A turning space between doors in a series as required by Section 404.2.5 is not required.
4. Storm and screen doors are not required to comply with Section 404.2.5.
5. Communicating doors between individual sleeping units are not required to comply with Section 404.2.5.
6. At other than the primary entrance door, where exterior space dimensions of balconies are less than the required maneuvering clearance, door maneuvering clearance is not required on the exterior side of the door.

1002.6 Ramps.
Ramps shall comply with Section 405.

1002.7 Elevators.
Elevators within the unit shall comply with Section 407, 408, or 409.

1002.8 Platform Lifts.
Platform lifts within the unit shall comply with Section 410.

1002.9 Operable Parts.
Lighting controls, electrical panelboards, electrical switches and receptacle outlets, environmental controls, appliance controls, operating hardware for operable windows, plumbing fixture controls, and user controls for security or intercom systems shall comply with Section 309.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. Receptacle outlets serving a dedicated use.
2. Where two or more receptacle outlets are provided in a kitchen above a length of counter top that is uninterrupted by a sink or appliance, one receptacle outlet shall not be required to comply with 309.
3. Floor receptacle outlets.
4. HVAC diffusers.
5. Controls mounted on ceiling fans.
6. Where redundant controls other than light switches are provided for a single element, one control in each space shall not be required to be accessible.
7. Reset buttons and shut-offs serving appliances, piping and plumbing fixtures.
8. Electrical panelboards shall not be required to comply with Section 309.4.

1002.10 Laundry Equipment.
Washing machines and clothes dryers shall comply with Section 611.

1002.11 Toilet and Bathing Facilities.
At least one toilet and bathing facility shall comply with Section 1002.11.2. All other toilet and bathing facilities shall comply with Section 1002.11.1

1002.11.1 Grab Bars and Shower Seat Reinforcement.
At fixtures in toilet and bathing facilities not required to comply with Section 1002.11.2, reinforcement in accordance with Section 1004.11.1 shall be provided.

EXCEPTION: Reinforcement is not required where Type B units are not provided in the structure.

1002.11.2 Accessible Toilet and Bathing Facility.
At least one toilet and bathing facility shall comply with Section 603. At least one lavatory, one water closet and either a bathtub or shower within the unit shall comply with Sections 604 through 610. The accessible toilet and bathing fixtures shall be in a single toilet/bathing area, such that travel between fixtures does not require travel through other parts of the unit.

1002.11.2.1 Vanity Counter Top Space.
If vanity counter top space is provided in dwelling or sleeping units not required to be Accessible units within the same facility, equivalent vanity counter top space, in terms of size and proximity to the lavatory, shall also be provided in Accessible units.

1002.11.2.2 Mirrors.
Mirrors above accessible lavatories shall have the bottom edge of the reflecting surface 40 inches (1015 mm) maximum above the floor.

1002.12 Kitchens and Kitchenettes.
Kitchens and kitchenettes shall comply with Section 804. At least one work surface, 30 inches (760 mm) minimum in length, shall comply with Section 902.

EXCEPTION: Spaces that do not provide a cooktop or conventional range shall not be required to provide an accessible work surface.
1002.13 Windows.
Windows shall comply with Section 1002.13.

1002.13.1 Natural ventilation.
Operable windows required to provide natural ventilation shall comply with Sections 309.2 and 309.3.

1002.13.2 Emergency escape.
Operable windows required to provide an emergency escape and rescue opening shall comply with Section 309.2.

1002.14 Storage Facilities.
Where storage facilities are provided, at least one of each type shall comply with Section 905.

EXCEPTION: Kitchen cabinets shall not be required to comply with Section 1002.14.

1002.15 Beds.
In at least one sleeping area, a minimum of five percent, but not less than one bed shall comply with Section 1002.15.

1002.15.1 Clear Floor Space.
A clear floor space complying with Section 305 shall be provided on both sides of the bed. The clear floor space shall be positioned for parallel approach to the side of the bed.

EXCEPTION: Where a single clear floor space complying with Section 305 positioned for parallel approach is provided between two beds, a clear floor space shall not be required on both sides of the bed.

1002.15.2 Bed Frames.
At least one bed shall be provided with an open bed frame.

1003 Type A Units

1003.1 General.
Type A units shall comply with Section 1003.

1003.2 Primary Entrance.
The accessible primary entrance shall be on an accessible route from public and common areas. The primary entrance shall not be to a bedroom unless it is the only entrance.

1003.3 Accessible Route.
Accessible routes within Type A units shall comply with Section 1003.3.

1003.3.1 Location.
At least one accessible route shall connect all spaces and elements that are a part of the unit. Accessible routes shall coincide with or be located in the same area as a general circulation path.

EXCEPTION: An accessible route is not required to unfinished attics and unfinished basements that are part of the unit.

1003.3.2 Turning Space.
All rooms served by an accessible route shall provide a turning space complying with Section 304.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. A turning space is not required in toilet rooms and bathrooms that are not required to comply with Section 1003.11.2.
2. A turning space is not required within closets or pantries that are 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum in depth.

1003.3.3 Components.
Accessible routes shall consist of one or more of the following elements: walking surfaces with a slope not steeper than 1:20, doors and doorways, ramps, elevators, and platform lifts.
1003.4 Walking Surfaces.
Walking surfaces that are part of an accessible route shall comply with Section 403.

1003.5 Doors and Doorways.
The primary entrance door to the unit, and all other doorways intended for user passage, shall comply with Section 404.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. Thresholds at exterior sliding doors shall be permitted to be \(\frac{3}{4}\) inch (19 mm) maximum in height, provided they are beveled with a slope not greater than 1:2.
2. In toilet rooms and bathrooms not required to comply with Section 1003.11.2, maneuvering clearances required by Section 404.2.3 are not required on the toilet room or bathroom side of the door.
3. A turning space between doors in a series as required by Section 404.2.5 is not required.
4. Storm and screen doors are not required to comply with Section 404.2.5.
5. Communicating doors between individual sleeping units are not required to comply with Section 404.2.5.
6. At other than the primary entrance door, where exterior space dimensions of balconies are less than the required maneuvering clearance, door maneuvering clearance is not required on the exterior side of the door.

1003.6 Ramps.
Ramps shall comply with Section 405.

1003.7 Elevators.
Elevators within the unit shall comply with Section 407, 408, or 409.

1003.8 Platform Lifts.
Platform lifts within the unit shall comply with Section 410.

1003.9 Operable Parts.
Lighting controls, electrical panelboards, electrical switches and receptacle outlets, environmental controls, appliance controls, operating hardware for operable windows, plumbing fixture controls, and user controls for security or intercom systems shall comply with Section 309.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. Receptacle outlets serving a dedicated use.
2. Where two or more receptacle outlets are provided in a kitchen above a length of counter top that is uninterrupted by a sink or appliance, one receptacle outlet shall not be required to comply with Section 309.
3. Floor receptacle outlets.
4. HVAC diffusers.
5. Controls mounted on ceiling fans.
6. Where redundant controls other than light switches are provided for a single element, one control in each space shall not be required to be accessible.
7. Reset buttons and shut-offs serving appliances, piping and plumbing fixtures.
8. Electrical panelboards shall not be required to comply with Section 309.4.

1003.10 Laundry Equipment.
Washing machines and clothes dryers shall comply with Section 611.

1003.11 Toilet and Bathing Facilities.
At least one toilet and bathing facility shall comply with Section 1003.11.2. All toilet and bathing facilities shall comply with Section 1003.11.1.

1003.11.1 Grab Bar and Shower Seat Reinforcement.
Reinforcement shall be provided for the future installation of grab bars complying with Section 604.5 at water closets; grab bars complying with Section 607.4 at bathtubs; and for grab bars and shower seats complying with Sections 608.3, 608.2.1.3, 608.2.2.3 and 608.2.3.2 at shower compartments.
EXCEPTIONS:

1. At fixtures not required to comply with Section 1003.11.2, reinforcement in accordance with Section 1004.11.1 shall be permitted.
2. Reinforcement is not required in a room containing only a lavatory and a water closet, provided the room does not contain the only lavatory or water closet on the accessible level of the dwelling unit.
3. Reinforcement for the water closet side wall vertical grab bar component required by Section 604.5 is not required.
4. Where the lavatory overlaps the water closet clearance in accordance with the exception to Section 1003.11.2.4.4 reinforcement at the water closet rear wall for a 24-inch (610 mm) minimum length grab bar, centered on the water closet, shall be provided.

1003.11.2 General.

At least one toilet and bathing facility shall comply with Section 1003.11.2. At least one lavatory, one water closet and either a bathtub or shower within the unit shall comply with Section 1003.11.2. The accessible toilet and bathing fixtures shall be in a single toilet/bathing area, such that travel between fixtures does not require travel through other parts of the unit.

1003.11.2.1 Doors.

Doors shall not swing into the clear floor space or clearance for any fixture.

EXCEPTION: Where a clear floor space complying with Section 305.3 is provided within the room beyond the arc of the door swing.

1003.11.2.2 Lavatory.

Lavatories shall comply with Section 606.

EXCEPTION: Cabinyetry shall be permitted under the lavatory, provided the following criteria are met:

(a) The cabinyetry can be removed without removal or replacement of the lavatory;
(b) The floor finish extends under the cabinyetry; and
(c) The walls behind and surrounding the cabinyetry are finished.

1003.11.2.3 Mirrors.

Mirrors above accessible lavatories shall have the bottom edge of the reflecting surface 40 inches (1015 mm) maximum above the floor.

1003.11.2.4 Water Closet.

Water closets shall comply with Section 1003.11.2.4.
1003.11.2.4.1 Location.

The water closet shall be positioned with a wall to the rear and to one side. The centerline of the water closet shall be 16 inches (405 mm) minimum and 18 inches (455 mm) maximum from the sidewall.

1003.11.2.4.2 Clearance Width.

Clearance around the water closet shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in width, measured perpendicular from the side wall.

1003.11.2.4.3 Clearance Depth.

Clearance around the water closet shall be 56 inches (1420 mm) minimum in depth, measured perpendicular from the rear wall.

1003.11.2.4.4 Clearance Overlap.

The required clearance around the water closet shall be permitted to overlap the water closet, associated grab bars, paper dispensers, coat hooks, shelves, accessible routes, clear floor space required at other fixtures, and the wheelchair turning space. No other fixtures or obstructions shall be located within the required water closet clearance.

EXCEPTION: A lavatory measuring 24 inches (610 mm) maximum in depth and complying with Section 1003.11.2.2 shall be permitted on the rear wall 18 inches (455 mm) minimum from the centerline of the water closet to the side edge of the lavatory where the clearance at the water closet is 66 inches (1675 mm) minimum measured perpendicular from the rear wall.

1003.11.2.4.5 Height.

The top of the water closet seat shall be 15 inches (380 mm) minimum and 19 inches (485 mm) maximum above the floor, measured to the top of the seat.

1003.11.2.4.6 Flush Controls.

Flush controls shall be hand-operated or automatic. Hand-operated flush controls shall comply with Section 309. Hand-operated flush controls...
shall be located on the open side of the water closet.

1003.11.2.5 Bathing Fixtures.

The accessible bathing fixture shall be a bathtub complying with Section 1003.11.2.5.1 or a shower compartment complying with Section 1003.11.2.5.2.

1003.11.2.5.1 Bathtub.

Bathtubs shall comply with Section 607.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. The removable in-tub seat required by Section 607.3 is not required.
2. Counter tops and cabinetry shall be permitted at one end of the clearance, provided the following criteria are met:
   (a) The countertop and cabinetry can be removed;
   (b) The floor finish extends under the countertop and cabinetry; and
   (c) The walls behind and surrounding the countertop and cabinetry are finished.

![Diagram of Bathtub Dimensions](image)

**FIG. 1003.11.2.5.1**
**CLEARANCE FOR BATHTUBS IN TYPE A UNITS**

1003.11.2.5.2 Shower.

Showers shall comply with Section 608.

EXCEPTION: At standard roll-in shower compartments complying with Section 608.2.2, lavatories, counter tops and cabinetry shall be permitted at one end of the clearance, provided the following criteria are met:

(a) The countertop and cabinetry can be removed;
(b) The floor finish extends under the countertop and cabinetry; and
(c) The walls behind and surrounding the countertop and cabinetry are finished.
1003.12 Kitchens and kitchenettes.
Kitchens and kitchenettes shall comply with Section 1003.12.

1003.12.1 Clearance.
Clearance complying with Section 1003.12.1 shall be provided.

1003.12.1.1 Minimum Clearance.
Clearance between all opposing base cabinets, counter tops, appliances, or walls within kitchen work areas shall be 40 inches (1015mm) minimum.

1003.12.1.2 U-Shaped Kitchens.
In kitchens with counters, appliances, or cabinets on three contiguous sides, clearance between all opposing base cabinets, countertops, appliances, or walls within kitchen work areas shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum.

![FIG. 1003.12.1.2
U-SHAPED KITCHEN CLEARANCE IN TYPE A UNITS](image)

**1003.12.2 Clear Floor Space.**

Clear floor spaces required by Sections 1003.12.3 through 1003.12.5 shall comply with Section 305.

**1003.12.3 Work Surface.**

At least one section of counter shall provide a work surface 30 inches (760 mm) minimum in length complying with Section 1003.12.3.

![FIG. 1003.12.3
WORK SURFACE IN KITCHEN FOR TYPE A UNITS](image)

* 36 min. (915) if part of T-shaped turning space per Sections 304.3.2 and 1003.3.2

**1003.12.3.1 Clear Floor Space.**

A clear floor space, positioned for a forward approach to the work surface, shall be provided. Knee and toe clearance complying with Section 306 shall be provided. The clear floor space shall be centered on the work surface.

**EXCEPTION:** Cabinetry shall be permitted under the work surface, provided the following criteria are met:

(a) The cabinetry can be removed without removal or replacement of the work surface,

(b) The floor finish extends under the cabinetry, and

(c) The walls behind and surrounding the cabinetry are finished.

**1003.12.3.2 Height.**

The work surface shall be 34 inches (865 mm) maximum above the floor.

**EXCEPTION:** A counter that is adjustable to provide a work surface at variable heights 29 inches (735 mm) minimum and 36 inches (915 mm) maximum above the floor, or that can be relocated within that range without cutting the counter or damaging adjacent cabinets, walls, doors, and structural elements, shall be permitted.
1003.12.3.3 Exposed Surfaces.
There shall be no sharp or abrasive surfaces under the exposed portions of work surface counters.

1003.12.4 Sink.
The sink shall comply with Section 1003.12.4.

* 36 min. (915) if part of T-shaped turning space per Sections 304.3.2 and 1003.3.2

FIG. 1003.12.4
KITCHEN SINK FOR TYPE A UNITS

1003.12.4.1 Clear Floor Space.
A clear floor space, positioned for a forward approach to the sink, shall be provided. Knee and toe clearance complying with Section 306 shall be provided.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. The requirement for knee and toe clearance shall not apply to more than one bowl of a multi-bowl sink.
2. Cabinetry shall be permitted to be added under the sink, provided the following criteria are met:
   (a) The cabinetry can be removed without removal or replacement of the sink,
   (b) The floor finish extends under the cabinetry, and
   (c) The walls behind and surrounding the cabinetry are finished.

1003.12.4.2 Height.
The front of the sink shall be 34 inches (865 mm) maximum above the floor, measured to the higher of the rim or counter surface.

EXCEPTION: A sink and counter that is adjustable to variable heights 29 inches (735 mm) minimum and 36 inches (915 mm) maximum above the floor, or that can be relocated within that range without cutting the counter or damaging adjacent cabinets, walls, doors and structural elements, provided rough-in plumbing permits connections of supply and drain pipes for sinks mounted at the height of 29 inches (735 mm), shall be permitted.

1003.12.4.3 Faucets.
Faucets shall comply with Section 309.

1003.12.4.4 Exposed Pipes and Surfaces.
Water supply and drain pipes under sinks shall be insulated or otherwise configured to protect against contact. There shall be no sharp or abrasive surfaces under sinks.

1003.12.5 Appliances.
Where provided, kitchen appliances shall comply with Section 1003.12.5.

1003.12.5.1 Operable Parts.
All appliance controls shall comply with Section 1003.9.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. Appliance doors and door latching devices shall not be required to comply with Section 309.4.
2. Bottom-hinged appliance doors, when in the open position, shall not be required to comply with Section 309.3.

1003.12.5.2 Clear Floor Space.
A clear floor space, positioned for a parallel or forward approach, shall be provided at each kitchen appliance.

1003.12.5.3 Dishwasher.
A clear floor space, positioned adjacent to the dishwasher door, shall be provided. The dishwasher door in the open position shall not obstruct the clear floor space for the dishwasher or an adjacent sink.

1003.12.5.4 Cooktop.
Cooktops shall comply with Section 1003.12.5.4.

1003.12.5.4.1 Approach.
A clear floor space, positioned for a parallel or forward approach to the cooktop, shall be provided.

1003.12.5.4.2 Forward approach.
Where the clear floor space is positioned for a forward approach, knee and toe clearance complying with Section 306 shall be provided. The underside of the cooktop shall be insulated or otherwise configured to protect from burns, abrasions, or electrical shock.

1003.12.5.4.3 Parallel approach.
Where the clear floor space is positioned for a parallel approach, the clear floor space shall be centered on the appliance.

1003.12.5.4.4 Controls.
The location of controls shall not require reaching across burners.

1003.12.5.5 Oven.
Ovens shall comply with Section 1003.12.5.5. Ovens shall have controls on front panels, on either side of the door.

1003.12.5.5.1 Clear floor space.
A clear floor space shall be provided. The oven door in the open position shall not obstruct the clear floor space for the oven.

1003.12.5.5.2 Side-Hinged Door Ovens.
Side-hinged door ovens shall have a countertop positioned adjacent to the latch side of the oven door.

1003.12.5.5.3 Bottom-Hinged Door Ovens.
Bottom-hinged door ovens shall have a countertop positioned adjacent to one side of the door.

1003.12.5.5.4 Controls.
The location of controls shall not require reaching across burners.

1003.12.5.6 Refrigerator/Freezer.
Combination refrigerators and freezers shall have at least 50 percent of the freezer compartment shelves, including the bottom of the freezer 54 inches (1370 mm) maximum above the floor when the shelves are installed at the maximum heights possible in the compartment. A clear floor space, positioned for a parallel approach to the refrigerator/freezer, shall be provided. The centerline of the clear floor space shall be offset 24 inches (610 mm) maximum from the centerline of the appliance.

1003.13 Windows.
Windows shall comply with Section 1003.13.

1003.13.1 Natural ventilation.
Operable windows required to provide natural ventilation shall comply with Sections 309.2 and 309.3.

1003.13.2 Emergency escape.
Operable windows required to provide an emergency escape and rescue opening shall comply with Section 309.2.

1003.14 Storage Facilities.
Where storage facilities are provided, at least one of each type shall comply with Section 905.

EXCEPTION: Kitchen cabinets shall not be required to comply with Section 1003.14.

1004 Type B Units

1004.1 General.
Type B units shall comply with Section 1004.

1004.2 Primary Entrance.
The accessible primary entrance shall be on an accessible route from public and common areas. The primary entrance shall not be to a bedroom unless it is the only entrance.

1004.3 Accessible Route.
Accessible routes within Type B units shall comply with Section 1004.3.

1004.3.1 Location.
At least one accessible route shall connect all spaces and elements that are a part of the unit. Accessible routes shall coincide with or be located in the same area as a general circulation path.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. An accessible route is not required to unfinished attics and unfinished basements that are part of the unit.
2. One of the following is not required to be on an accessible route:
   2.1 A raised floor area in a portion of a living, dining, or sleeping room; or
   2.2 A sunken floor area in a portion of a living, dining, or sleeping room; or
   2.3 A mezzanine that does not have plumbing fixtures or an enclosed habitable space.

1004.3.2 Components.
Accessible routes shall consist of one or more of the following elements: walking surfaces with a slope not steeper than 1:20, doors and doorways, ramps, elevators, and platform lifts.

1004.4 Walking Surfaces.
Walking surfaces that are part of an accessible route shall comply with Section 1004.4.

1004.4.1 Clear Width.
Clear width of an accessible route shall comply with Section 403.5.

1004.4.2 Changes in Level.
Changes in level shall comply with Section 303.

EXCEPTION: Where exterior deck, patio or balcony surface materials are impervious, the finished exterior impervious surface shall be 4 inches (100 mm) maximum below the floor level of the adjacent interior spaces of the unit.

1004.5 Doors and Doorways.
Doors and doorways shall comply with Section 1004.5.

1004.5.1 Primary Entrance Door.
The primary entrance door to the unit shall comply with Section 404.
EXCEPTION: Storm and screen doors serving individual dwelling or sleeping units are not required to comply with Section 404.2.5.

1004.5.2 User Passage Doorways.

Doorways intended for user passage shall comply with Section 1004.5.2.

1004.5.2.1 Clear Width.

Doorways shall have a clear opening of 31\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches (805 mm) minimum. Clear opening of swinging doors shall be measured between the face of the door and stop, with the door open 90 degrees.

1004.5.2.1 Double Leaf Doorways.

Where the operable parts on an inactive leaf of a double leaf doorway are located more than 48 inches (1220 mm) or less than 15 inches (380 mm) above the floor, the active leaf shall provide the clearance required by Section 1004.5.2.1.

1004.5.2.2 Thresholds.

Thresholds shall comply with Section 303.

EXCEPTION: Thresholds at exterior sliding doors shall be permitted to be 3\(\frac{3}{4}\) inch (19 mm) maximum in height, provided they are beveled with a slope not steeper than 1:2.

1004.5.2.3 Automatic Doors.

Automatic doors shall comply with Section 404.3.

1004.6 Ramps.

Ramps shall comply with Section 405.

1004.7 Elevators.

Elevators within the unit shall comply with Section 407, 408, or 409.

1004.8 Platform Lifts.

Platform lifts within the unit shall comply with Section 410.

1004.9 Operable Parts.

Lighting controls, electrical switches and receptacle outlets, environmental controls, electrical panelboards, and user controls for security or intercom systems shall comply with Sections 309.2 and 309.3.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Receptacle outlets serving a dedicated use.
2. Where two or more receptacle outlets are provided in a kitchen above a length of counter top that is uninterrupted by a sink or appliance, one receptacle outlet shall not be required to comply with Section 309.
3. Floor receptacle outlets.
4. HVAC diffusers.
5. Controls mounted on ceiling fans.
6. Controls or switches mounted on appliances.
7. Plumbing fixture controls.
8. Reset buttons and shut-offs serving appliances, piping and plumbing fixtures.
9. Where redundant controls other than light switches are provided for a single element, one control in each space shall not be required to be accessible.
10. Within kitchens and bathrooms, lighting controls, electrical switches and receptacle outlets are permitted to be located over cabinets with counter tops 36 inches (915 mm) maximum in height and 25 3\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches (650 mm) maximum in depth.

1004.10 Laundry Equipment.

Washing machines and clothes dryers shall comply with Section 1004.10.
A clear floor space complying with Section 305.3, shall be provided. A parallel approach shall be provided for a top loading machine. A forward or parallel approach shall be provided for a front loading machine.

1004.11 Toilet and Bathing Facilities.

Toilet and bathing fixtures shall comply with Section 1004.11.

**EXCEPTION:** Fixtures on levels not required to be accessible.

1004.11.1 Grab Bar and Shower Seat Reinforcement.

Reinforcement shall be provided for the future installation of grab bars and shower seats at water closets, bathtubs, and shower compartments. Where walls are located to permit the installation of grab bars and seats complying with Section 604.5 at water closets; grab bars complying with Section 607.4 at bathtubs; and for grab bars and shower seats complying with Sections 608.3, 608.2.1.3, 608.2.2.3 and 608.2.3.2 at shower compartments; reinforcement shall be provided for the future installation of grab bars and seats complying with those requirements.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. In a room containing only a lavatory and a water closet, reinforcement is not required provided the room does not contain the only lavatory or water closet on the accessible level of the unit.
2. At water closets reinforcement for the side wall vertical grab bar component required by Section 604.5 is not required.
3. At water closets where wall space will not permit a grab bar complying with Section 604.5.2, reinforcement for a rear wall grab bar 24 inches (610 mm) minimum in length centered on the water closet shall be provided.
4. At water closets where a side wall is not available for a 42-inch (1065 mm) grab bar complying with Section 604.5.1, reinforcement for a sidewall grab bar, 24 inches (610 mm) minimum in length, located 12 inches (305 mm) maximum from the rear wall, shall be provided.
5. At water closets where a side wall is not available for a 42-inch (1065 mm) grab bar complying with Section 604.5.1 reinforcement for a swing-up grab bar complying with Section 1004.11.1.1 shall be permitted.
6. At water closets where a side wall is not available for a 42-inch (1065 mm) grab bar complying with Section 604.5.1 reinforcement for two swing-up grab bars complying with Section 1004.11.1.1 shall be permitted to be installed in lieu of reinforcement for rear wall and side wall grab bars.
7. In shower compartments larger than 36 inches (915 mm) in width and 36 inches (915 mm) in depth reinforcement for a shower seat is not required

1004.11.1.1 Swing-up Grab Bars.

A clearance of 18 inches (455 mm) minimum from the centerline of the water closet to any side wall or obstruction shall be provided where reinforcement for swing-up grab bars is provided. When the approach to the water closet is from the side, the 18 inches (455 mm) minimum shall be on the side opposite the direction of approach. Reinforcement shall accommodate a swing-up grab bar centered 157/8 inches (400 mm) from the centerline of the water closet and 28 inches (710 mm) minimum in length, measured from the wall to the end of the horizontal portion of the grab bar. Reinforcement shall accommodate a swing-up grab bar with a height in the down position of 33 inches (840 mm) minimum and 36 inches (915 mm) maximum. Reinforcement shall be adequate to resist forces in accordance with Section 609.8.

**EXCEPTION:** Where a water closet is positioned with a wall to the rear and to one side, the centerline of the water closet shall be 16 inches (405 mm) minimum and 18 inches (455 mm) maximum from the sidewall.
1004.11.2 Clear Floor Space.

Clear floor spaces required by Section 1004.11.3.1 (Option A) or 1004.11.3.2 (Option B) shall comply with Sections 1004.11.2 and 305.3.

1004.11.2.1 Doors.

Doors shall not swing into the clear floor space or clearance for any fixture.

EXCEPTION: Where a clear floor space complying with Section 305.3, excluding knee and toe clearances under elements, is provided within the room beyond the arc of the door swing.

1004.11.2.2 Knee and Toe Clearance.

Clear floor space at fixtures shall be permitted to include knee and toe clearances complying with Section 306.

1004.11.3 Toilet and Bathing Areas.

Either all toilet and bathing areas provided shall comply with Section 1004.11.3.1 (Option A), or one toilet and bathing area shall comply with Section 1004.11.3.2 (Option B).

1004.11.3.1 Option A.

Each fixture provided shall comply with Section 1004.11.3.1.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Where multiple lavatories are provided in a single toilet and bathing area such that travel between fixtures does not require travel through other parts of the unit, not more than one lavatory is required to comply with Section 1004.11.3.1.

2. A lavatory and a water closet in a room containing only a lavatory and water closet, provided the room does not contain the only lavatory or water closet on the accessible level of the unit.

1004.11.3.1.1 Lavatory.

A clear floor space complying with Section 305.3, positioned for a parallel approach, shall be provided at a lavatory. The clear floor space shall be centered on the lavatory.

EXCEPTION: A lavatory complying with Section 606 shall be permitted. Cabinetry shall be permitted under the lavatory provided the following criteria are met:

(a) The cabinetry can be removed without removal or replacement of the lavatory; and
(b) The floor finish extends under the cabinetry; and
(c) The walls behind and surrounding the cabinetry are finished.
1004.11.3.1.1 LAVATORY IN TYPE B UNITS—OPTION A BATHROOMS

1004.11.3.1.2 Water Closet.

The water closet shall comply with Section 1004.11.3.1.2.

1004.11.3.1.2.1 Location.

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The centerline of the water closet shall be 16 inches (405 mm) minimum and 18 inches (455 mm) maximum from one side of the required clearance.

1004.11.3.1.2.2 Clearance.

Clearance around the water closet shall comply with Sections 1004.11.3.1.2.2.1 through 1004.11.3.1.2.2.3.

EXCEPTION: Clearance complying with Sections 1003.11.2.4.2 through 1003.11.2.4.4.

1004.11.3.1.2.2.1 Clearance Width.

Clearance around the water closet shall be 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum in width, measured perpendicular from the side of the clearance that is 16 inches (405 mm) minimum and 18 inches (455 mm) maximum from the water closet centerline.

1004.11.3.1.2.2.2 Clearance Depth.

Clearance around the water closet shall be 56 inches (1420 mm) minimum in depth, measured perpendicular from the rear wall.

1004.11.3.1.2.2.3 Increased Clearance Depth at Forward Approach.

Where a forward approach is provided, the clearance shall be 66 inches (1675 mm) minimum in depth, measured perpendicular from the rear wall.

1004.11.3.1.2.2.4 Clearance Overlap.

A vanity or other obstruction 24 inches (610 mm) maximum in depth, measured perpendicular from the rear wall, shall be permitted to overlap the required clearance, provided the width of the remaining clearance at the water closet is 33 inches (840 mm) minimum.

1004.11.3.1.3 Bathing Fixtures.

Where provided, a bathtub shall comply with Section 1004.11.3.1.3.1 or 1004.11.3.1.3.2 and a shower compartment shall comply with Section 1004.11.3.1.3.3.

1004.11.3.1.3.1 Parallel Approach Bathtubs.

A clearance 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in length and 30 inches (760 mm) minimum in width shall be provided in front of bathtubs with a parallel approach. Lavatories complying with Section 606 shall be permitted in the clearance. A lavatory complying with Section 1004.11.3.1.1 shall be permitted at one end of the bathtub if a clearance 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum in length and 30 inches (760 mm) minimum in width is provided in front of the bathtub.

FIG. 1004.11.3.1.3.1
PARALLEL APPROACH BATHTUB IN TYPE B UNITS—OPTION A BATHROOMS

1004.11.3.1.3.2 Forward Approach Bathtubs.

A clearance 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in length and 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum in width shall be provided in front of bathtubs with a forward approach. A water closet and a lavatory shall be permitted in the clearance at one end of the bathtub.
1004.11.3.1.3.3 Shower Compartment.

If a shower compartment is the only bathing facility, the shower compartment shall have dimensions of 36 inches (915 mm) minimum in width and 36 inches (915 mm) minimum in depth. A clearance of 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum in length, measured perpendicular from the shower head wall, and 30 inches (760 mm) minimum in depth, measured from the face of the shower compartment, shall be provided. Reinforcing for a shower seat is not required in shower compartments larger than 36 inches (915 mm) in width and 36 inches (915 mm) in depth.

1004.11.3.1.3.3 Transfer-Type Shower Compartment in Type B Units

1004.11.3.2 Option B.

One of each type of fixture provided shall comply with Section 1004.11.3.2. The accessible fixtures shall be in a single toilet/bathing area, such that travel between fixtures does not require travel through other parts of the unit.

1004.11.3.2.1 Lavatory.

Lavatories shall comply with Sections 1004.11.3.1.1 and 1004.11.3.2.1.1.
1004.11.3.2.1 Height.
The front of the lavatory shall be 34 inches (865 mm) maximum above the floor, measured to the higher of the rim or counter surface.

1004.11.3.2.2 Water Closet.
The water closet shall comply with Section 1004.11.3.1.2.

1004.11.3.2.3 Bathing Fixtures.
The accessible bathing fixture shall be a bathtub complying with Section 1004.11.3.2.3.1 or a shower compartment complying with Section 1004.11.3.2.5.2.

1004.11.3.2.3.1 Bathtub.
A clearance 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum in length measured perpendicular from the control end of the bathtub, and 30 inches (760 mm) minimum in width shall be provided in front of bathtubs.

1004.11.3.2.3.2 Shower Compartment.
A shower compartment shall comply with Section 1004.11.3.3.3.

1004.12 Kitchens and kitchenettes.
Kitchens and kitchenettes shall comply with Section 1004.12.
1004.12.1 Clearance.

Clearance complying with Section 1004.12.1 shall be provided.

1004.12.1.1 Minimum Clearance.

Clearance between all opposing base cabinets, counter tops, appliances, or walls within kitchen work areas shall be 40 inches (1015 mm) minimum.

FIG. 1004.12.1.1
MINIMUM KITCHEN CLEARANCE IN TYPE B UNITS

1004.12.1.2 U-Shaped Kitchens.

In kitchens with counters, appliances, or cabinets on three contiguous sides, clearance between all opposing base cabinets, countertops, appliances, or walls within kitchen work areas shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum.
FIG. 1004.12.1.2
U-SHAPED KITCHEN CLEARANCE IN TYPE B UNITS

1004.12.2 Clear Floor Space.
Clear floor space at appliances shall comply with Sections 1004.12.2 and 305.3.

1004.12.2.1 Sink.
A clear floor space, positioned for a parallel approach to the sink, shall be provided. The clear floor space shall be centered on the sink bowl.

EXCEPTION: A sink with a forward approach complying with Section 1003.12.4.1.

1004.12.2.2 Dishwasher.
A clear floor space, positioned for a parallel or forward approach to the dishwasher, shall be provided. The dishwasher door in the open position shall not obstruct the clear floor space for the dishwasher.

1004.12.2.3 Cooktop.
Cooktops shall comply with Section 1004.12.2.3.

1004.12.2.3.1 Approach.
A clear floor space, positioned for a parallel or forward approach to the cooktop, shall be provided.

1004.12.2.3.2 Forward approach.
Where the clear floor space is positioned for a forward approach, knee and toe clearance complying with Section 306 shall be provided. The underside of the cooktop shall be insulated or otherwise configured to prevent burns, abrasions, or electrical shock.

1004.12.2.3.3 Parallel approach.
Where the clear floor space is positioned for a parallel approach, the clear floor space shall be centered on the appliance.

1004.12.2.4 Oven.
A clear floor space, positioned for a parallel or forward approach adjacent to the oven shall be provided. The oven door in the open position shall not obstruct the clear floor space for the oven.

1004.12.2.5 Refrigerator/Freezer.
A clear floor space, positioned for a parallel approach to the refrigerator/freezer, shall be provided. The centerline of the clear floor space shall be offset 24 inches (610 mm) maximum from the centerline of the appliance.

1004.12.2.6 Trash Compactor.
A clear floor space, positioned for a parallel or forward approach to the trash compactor, shall be provided.

1005 Type C (Visitable) Units
1005.1 General.
Type C (Visitable) dwelling units shall comply with Section 1005.

1005.2 Unit Entrance.
At least one unit entrance shall be on a circulation path complying with Section 1005.5 from a public street or sidewalk, a dwelling unit driveway, or a garage.

1005.3 Connected Spaces.
A circulation path complying with Section 1005.5 shall connect the unit entrance complying with Section 1005.2 and with the spaces specified in Section 1005.4.

1005.4 Interior Spaces.
The entrance level shall include a toilet room or bathroom complying with Section 1005.6 and one habitable space with an area 70 square feet (6.5 m²) minimum. Where a food preparation area is provided on the entrance level, it shall comply with Section 1005.7.

Exception: A toilet room or bathroom shall not be required on an entrance level with less than 120 square feet (11.1 m²) of habitable space.

1005.5 Circulation Path.
Circulation paths shall comply with Section 1005.5.

1005.5.1 Components.
The circulation path shall consist of one or more of the following elements: walking surfaces with a slope not steeper than 1:20, doors and doorways, ramps, elevators complying with Sections 407 through 409, and wheelchair (platform) lifts complying with Section 410.

1005.5.2 Walking Surfaces.
Walking surfaces with slopes not steeper than 1:20 shall comply with Section 303.

1005.5.2.1 Clear Width.
The clear width of the circulation path shall comply with Section 403.5.

1005.5.3 Doors and Doorways.
Doors and doorways shall comply with Section 1005.5.3

1005.5.3.1 Clear Width.
Doorways shall have a clear opening of 31 1/4 inches (805 mm) minimum. Clear opening of swinging doors shall be measured between the face of the door and stop, with the door open 90 degrees.

1005.5.3.2 Thresholds.
Thresholds shall comply with Section 303.

Exception: Thresholds at exterior sliding doors shall be permitted to be 3/4 inch (19 mm) maximum in height, provided they are beveled with a slope not steeper than 1:2.

1005.5.4 Ramps.
Ramps shall comply with Section 405.

Exception: Handrails, intermediate landings and edge protection are not required where the sides of ramp runs have a vertical drop off of 1/2 inch (13 mm) maximum within 10 inches (255 mm) horizontally of the ramp run.

1005.5.4.1 Clear Width.
The clear width of the circulation path shall comply with Section 403.5.

1005.6 Toilet Room or Bathroom.
At a minimum, the toilet room or bathroom required by Section 1005.4 shall include a lavatory and a water closet. Reinforcement shall be provided for the future installation of grab bars at water closets. Clearances at the water closet shall comply with Section 1004.11.3.1.2.

1005.7 Food Preparation Area.
At a minimum, the food preparation area shall include a sink, a cooking appliance, and a refrigerator. Clearances between all opposing base cabinets, counter tops, appliances or walls within the food preparation area shall be 40 inches (1015 mm) minimum in width.

Exception: Spaces that do not provide a cooktop or conventional range shall be permitted to provide a clearance of 36 inches (915 mm) minimum in width.

1005.8 Lighting Controls and Receptacle Outlets.
Receptacle outlets and operable parts of lighting controls shall be located 15 inches (389 mm) minimum and 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum above the floor.
Exception: The following shall not be required to comply with Section 1005.8:
  1. Receptacle outlets serving a dedicated use.
  2. Controls mounted on ceiling fans and ceiling lights.
  3. Floor receptacle outlets.
  4. Lighting controls and receptacle outlets over countertops.

1006 Units with Accessible Communication Features

1006.1 General.
Units required to have accessible communication features shall comply with Section 1006.

1006.2 Unit Smoke Detection.
Where provided, unit smoke detection shall include audible notification complying with NFPA 72 listed in Section 105.2.2.

1006.3 Building Fire Alarm System.
Where a building fire alarm system is provided, the system wiring shall be extended to a point within the unit in the vicinity of the unit smoke detection system.

1006.4 Visible Notification Appliances.
Visible notification appliances, where provided within the unit as part of the unit smoke detection system or the building fire alarm system, shall comply with Section 1006.4.

  1006.4.1 Appliances.
Visible notification appliances shall comply with Section 702.

  1006.4.2 Activation.
All visible notification appliances provided within the unit for smoke detection notification shall be activated upon smoke detection. All visible notification appliances provided within the unit for building fire alarm notification shall be activated upon activation of the building fire alarm in the portion of the building containing the unit.

  1006.4.3 Interconnection.
The same visible notification appliances shall be permitted to provide notification of unit smoke detection and building fire alarm activation.

  1006.4.4 Prohibited Use.
Visible notification appliances used to indicate unit smoke detection or building fire alarm activation shall not be used for any other purpose within the unit.

1006.5 Unit Primary Entrance.
Communication features shall be provided at the unit primary entrance complying with Section 1006.5.

  1006.5.1 Notification.
A hard-wired electric doorbell shall be provided. A button or switch shall be provided on the public side of the unit primary entrance. Activation of the button or switch shall initiate an audible tone within the unit.

  1006.5.2 Identification.
A means for visually identifying a visitor without opening the unit entry door shall be provided. Peepholes, where used, shall provide a minimum 180-degree range of view.

1006.6 Site, Building, or Floor Entrance.
Where a system permitting voice communication between a visitor and the occupant of the unit is provided at a location other than the unit entry door, the system shall comply with Section 1006.6.

  1006.6.1 Public or Common-Use Interface.
The public or common-use system interface shall include the capability of supporting voice and TTY communication with the unit interface.

1006.6.2 Unit Interface.

The unit system interface shall include a telephone jack capable of supporting voice and TTY communication with the public or common-use system interface.

1006.7 Closed-Circuit Communication Systems.

Where a closed-circuit communication system is provided, the public or common-use system interface shall comply with Section 1006.6.1, and the unit system interface in units required to have accessible communication features shall comply with Section 1006.6.2.
Chapter 11. Recreational Facilities

1101 General

1101.1 Scope.
Recreational facilities required to be accessible by the scoping provisions adopted by the administrative authority shall comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 11.

1101.2 Special Provisions.

1101.2.1 General Exceptions.
The following shall not be required to be accessible or to be on an accessible route:

1. Raised structures used solely for refereeing, judging, or scoring a sport.
2. Water Slides.
3. Animal containment areas that are not for public use.
4. Raised boxing or wrestling rings.
5. Raised diving boards and diving platforms.
6. Bowling lanes that are not required to provide wheelchair spaces.
7. Mobile or portable amusement rides
8. Amusement rides that are controlled or operated by the rider.
9. Amusement rides designed primarily for children, where children are assisted on and off the ride by an adult.
10. Amusement rides that do not provide amusement ride seats.

1101.2.2 Area of Sport Activity.
Areas of sport activity shall be served by an accessible route and shall not be required to be accessible except as provided in Chapter 11.

1101.2.3 Recreational Boating Facilities.
Operable parts of cleats and other boat securing devices shall not be required to comply with Section 308.

1101.2.4 Exercise Machines and Equipment.
Exercise machines and exercise equipment shall not be required to comply with Section 309.

1101.3 Protruding Objects.
Protruding objects on circulation paths shall comply with Section 307.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Within areas of sport activity, protruding objects on circulation paths shall not be required to comply with Section 307.
2. Within play areas, protruding objects on circulation paths shall not be required to comply with Section 307 provided that ground level accessible routes provide vertical clearance complying with Section 1108.2.

1102 Amusement Rides.

1102.1 General.
Accessible amusement rides shall comply with Section 1102.

1102.2 Accessible Routes.
Accessible routes serving amusement rides shall comply with Chapter 4.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. In load or unload areas and on amusement rides, where complying with Section 405.2 is not structurally or operationally feasible, ramp slope shall be permitted to be 1:8 maximum.
2. In load or unload areas and on amusement rides, handrails provided along walking surfaces complying with Section 403 and required on ramps complying with Section 405 shall not be required to comply with Section 505 where complying is not structurally or operationally feasible.
1102.3 Load and Unload Areas.
A turning space complying with Sections 304.2 and 304.3 shall be provided in load and unload areas.

1102.4 Wheelchair Spaces in Amusement Rides.
Wheelchair spaces in amusement rides shall comply with Section 1102.4.

1102.4.1 Floor Surface.
The floor surface of wheelchair spaces shall be stable and firm.

1102.4.2 Slope.
The floor surface of wheelchair spaces shall have a slope not steeper than 1:48 when in the load and unload position.

1102.4.3 Gaps.
Floors of amusement rides with wheelchair spaces and floors of load and unload areas shall be coordinated so that, when amusement rides are at rest in the load and unload position, the vertical difference between the floors shall be within plus or minus 5/6 inch (16 mm) and the horizontal gap shall be 3 inches (75 mm) maximum under normal passenger load conditions.

**EXCEPTION:** Where complying is not operationally or structurally feasible, ramps, bridge plates, or similar devices complying with the applicable requirements of 36 CFR 1192.83(c), listed in Section 105.2.11, shall be provided.

1102.4.4 Clearances.
Clearances for wheelchair spaces shall comply with Section 1102.4.4.

**EXCEPTIONS:**
1. Where provided, securement devices shall be permitted to overlap required clearances.
2. Wheelchair spaces shall be permitted to be mechanically or manually repositioned.
3. Wheelchair spaces shall not be required to comply with Section 307.4.

1102.4.1 Width and Length.
Wheelchair spaces shall provide a clear width of 30 inches (760 mm) minimum and a clear length of 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum measured to 9 inches (230 mm) minimum above the floor.

1102.4.2 Side Entry.
Where wheelchair spaces are entered only from the side, amusement rides shall be designed to permit sufficient maneuvering clearance for individuals using a wheelchair or mobility aid to enter and exit the ride.

1102.4.3 Permitted Protrusions in Wheelchair Spaces.
Objects are permitted to protrude a distance of 6 inches (150 mm) maximum along the front of the wheelchair space, where located 9 inches (230 mm) minimum and 27 inches (685 mm) maximum above the floor of the wheelchair space. Objects are permitted to protrude a distance of 25 inches (635 mm) maximum along the front of the wheelchair space, where located more than 27 inches (685 mm) above the floor of the wheelchair space.
FIGURE 1102.4.4.3
PROTRUSIONS IN WHEELCHAIR SPACES IN AMUSEMENT RIDES

1102.4.5 Ride Entry.
Openings providing entry to wheelchair spaces on amusement rides shall provide a clear width of 32 inches (815 mm) minimum.

1102.4.6 Approach.
One side of the wheelchair space shall adjoin an accessible route when in the load and unload position.

1102.4.7 Companion Seats.
Where the interior width of the amusement ride is greater than 53 inches (1345 mm), seating is provided for more than one rider, and the wheelchair is not required to be centered within the amusement ride, a companion seat shall be provided for each wheelchair space.

1102.4.7.1 Shoulder-to-Shoulder Seating.
Where an amusement ride provides shoulder-to-shoulder seating, companion seats shall be shoulder-to-shoulder with the adjacent wheelchair space.

EXCEPTION: Where shoulder-to-shoulder companion seating is not operationally or structurally feasible, complying with this requirement shall be required to the maximum extent practicable.

1102.5 Amusement Ride Seats Designed for Transfer.
Amusement ride seats designed for transfer shall comply with Section 1102.5 when positioned for loading and unloading.

1102.5.1 Clear Floor Space.
A clear floor space complying with Section 305 shall be provided in the load and unload area adjacent to the amusement ride seats designed for transfer.

1102.5.2 Transfer Height.
The height of amusement ride seats designed for transfer shall be 14 inches (355 mm) minimum and 24 inches (610 mm) maximum measured from the surface of the load and unload area.

1102.5.3 Transfer Entry.
Where openings are provided for transfer to amusement ride seats, the openings shall provide clearance for transfer from a wheelchair or mobility aid to the amusement ride seat.

1102.5.4 Wheelchair Storage Space.
Wheelchair storage spaces complying with Section 305 shall be provided in or adjacent to load areas for each required amusement ride seat designed for transfer and shall not overlap any required means of egress or accessible route.

1102.6 Transfer Devices for Use with Amusement Rides.
Transfer devices for use with amusement rides shall comply with Section 1102.6 when positioned for loading and unloading.

1102.6.1 Clear Floor Space.
A clear floor space complying with Section 305 shall be provided in the load and unload area adjacent to the transfer device.

1102.6.2 Transfer Height.
The height of transfer device seats shall be 14 inches (355 mm) minimum and 24 inches (610 mm) maximum measured from the load and unload surface.

1102.6.3 Wheelchair Storage Space.
Wheelchair storage spaces complying with Section 305 shall be provided in or adjacent to load areas for each required transfer device and shall not overlap any required means of egress or accessible route.
1103 Recreational Boating Facilities

1103.1 General.
Accessible recreational boating facilities shall comply with Section 1103.

1103.2 Accessible Routes.
Accessible routes serving recreational boating facilities, including gangways and floating piers, shall comply with Chapter 4 except as modified by the exceptions in Section 1103.2.

1103.2.1 Boat Slips.
An accessible route shall serve boat slips.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. Where an existing gangway or series of gangways is replaced or altered, an increase in the length of the gangway shall not be required to comply with Section 1103.2.
2. Gangways shall not be required to comply with the maximum rise specified in Section 405.6.
3. Where the total length of a gangway or series of gangways serving as part of a required accessible route is 80 feet (24 m) minimum, gangways shall not be required to comply with Section 405.2.
4. Where facilities contain fewer than 25 boat slips and the total length of the gangway or series of gangways serving as part of a required accessible route is 30 feet (9145 mm) minimum, gangways shall not be required to comply with Section 405.2.
5. Where gangways connect to transition plates, landings specified by Section 405.7 shall not be required.
6. Where gangways and transition plates connect and are required to have handrails, handrail extensions shall not be required. Where handrail extensions are provided on gangways or transition plates, the handrail extensions shall not be required to be parallel with the floor.
7. The cross slope specified in Sections 403.3 and 405.3 for gangways, transition plates, and floating piers that are part of accessible routes shall be measured in the static position.
8. Changes in level complying with Sections 303.3 and 303.4 shall be permitted on the surfaces of gangways and boat launch ramps.
9. Cleats and other boat securement devices shall not be required to comply with Section 309.3.

1103.2.2 Boarding Piers at Boat Launch Ramps.
An accessible route shall serve boarding piers.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. Accessible routes serving floating boarding piers shall be permitted to use Exceptions 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Section 1103.2.1.
2. Where the total length of the gangway or series of gangways serving as part of a required accessible route is 30 feet (9145 mm) minimum, gangways shall not be required to comply with Section 405.2.
3. Where the accessible route serving a floating boarding pier or skid pier is located within a boat launch ramp, the portion of the accessible route located within the boat launch ramp shall not be required to comply with Section 405.

1103.3 Clearances.
Clearances at boat slips and on boarding piers at boat launch ramps shall comply with Section 1103.3.

1103.3.1 Boat Slip Clearance.
Boat slips shall provide clear pier space 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in width that extend the full length of the boat slips. Each 10 feet (3050 mm) of linear pier edge serving boat slips shall contain at least one continuous clear opening 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in width.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. Clear pier space shall be permitted to be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum in width and 24 inches (610 mm) maximum in length, provided that multiple 36-inch (915 mm) wide segments are separated by segments that are 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in width and 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in length.
2. Edge protection shall be permitted at the continuous clear openings, provided the edge protection is 4 inches (100 mm) maximum in height and 2 inches (51 mm) maximum in width.
3. In existing piers, clear pier space shall be permitted to be located perpendicular to the boat slip and shall extend the width of the boat slip, where the facility has at least one boat slip complying with Section 1103.3, and further compliance with Section 1103.3.
would result in a reduction in the number of boat slips available or result in a reduction of the widths of existing slips.

**FIGURE 1103.3.1(A)**

**BOAT SLIP CLEARANCE**

**FIGURE 1103.3.1(B)**

**(EXCEPTION 1) CLEAR PIER SPACE REDUCTION AT BOAT SLIPS**

**FIGURE 1103.3.1(C)**

**(EXCEPTION 2) EDGE PROTECTION AT BOAT SLIPS**

1103.3.2 Boarding Pier Clearances.

Boarding piers at boat launch ramps shall provide clear pier space 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in width and shall extend the full length of the boarding pier. Every 10 feet (3050 mm) of linear pier edge shall contain at least one continuous clear opening 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in width.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. The clear pier space shall be permitted to be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum in width and 24 inches (610 mm) maximum in length provided that multiple 36-inch (915 mm) wide segments are separated by segments that are 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in width.


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and 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in length.
2. Edge protection shall be permitted at the continuous clear openings provided the edge protection is 4 inches (100 mm) maximum in height and 2 inches (51 mm) maximum in width.

FIGURE 1103.3.2(A)
BOARDING PIER CLEARANCE

FIGURE 1103.3.2(B)
(EXCEPTION 1) CLEAR PIER SPACE REDUCTION AT BOARDING PIERS

FIGURE 1103.3.2(C)
(EXCEPTION 2) EDGE PROTECTION AT BOARDING PIERS

1104 Exercise Machines and Equipment
1104.1 Clear Floor Space.
Accessible exercise machines and equipment shall have a clear floor space complying with Section 305 positioned for transfer or for use by an
individual seated in a wheelchair. Clear floor spaces required at exercise machines and equipment shall be permitted to overlap.

1105 Fishing Piers and Platforms

1105.1 Accessible Routes.

Accessible routes serving fishing piers and platforms, including gangways and floating piers, shall comply with Chapter 4.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Accessible routes serving floating fishing piers and platforms shall be permitted to use Exceptions 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Section 1103.2.1.

2. Where the total length of the gangway or series of gangways serving as part of a required accessible route is 30 feet (9145 mm) minimum, gangways shall not be required to comply with Section 405.2.

1105.2 Railings.

Where provided, railings, guards, or handrails shall comply with Section 1105.2.

1105.2.1 Height.

A minimum of 25 percent of the railings, guards, or handrails shall be 34 inches (865 mm) maximum above the ground or deck surface.

EXCEPTION: Where a guard complying with the applicable building code is provided, the guard shall not be required to comply with Section 1105.2.1.

1105.2.1.1 Dispersion.

Railings, guards, or handrails required to comply with Section 1105.2.1 shall be dispersed throughout the fishing pier or platform.

1105.3 Edge Protection.

Where railings, guards, or handrails complying with Section 1105.2 are provided, edge protection complying with Section 1105.3.1 or 1105.3.2 shall be provided.

1105.3.1 Curb or Barrier.

Curbs or barriers shall extend 2 inches (51 mm) minimum in height above the surface of the fishing pier or platform.

1105.3.2 Extended Ground or Deck Surface.

The ground or deck surface shall extend 12 inches (305 mm) minimum beyond the inside face of the railing. Toe clearance shall be provided and shall be 30 inches (760 mm) minimum in width and 9 inches (230 mm) minimum in height above the ground or deck surface beyond the railing.

![Figure 1105.3.2](image)

**FIGURE 1105.3.2**

**EXTENDED GROUND OR DECK SURFACE AT FISHING PIERS AND PLATFORMS**

1105.4 Clear Floor Space.

At each location where there are railings, guards, or handrails complying with Section 1105.2.1, a clear floor space complying with Section 305 shall
be provided. Where there are no railings, guards, or handrails, at least one clear floor space complying with Section 305 shall be provided on the fishing pier or platform.

1105.5 Turning Space.
At least one turning space complying with Section 304.3 shall be provided on fishing piers and platforms.

1106 Golf Facilities
1106.1 General.
Golf facilities shall comply with Section 1106.

1106.2 Accessible Routes.
Accessible routes serving teeing grounds, practice teeing grounds, putting greens, practice putting greens, teeing stations at driving ranges, course weather shelters, golf car rental areas, bag drop areas, and course toilet rooms shall comply with Chapter 4 and shall be 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum in width. Where handrails are provided, accessible routes shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in width.

**EXCEPTION:** Handrails shall not be required on golf courses. Where handrails are provided on golf courses, the handrails shall not be required to comply with Section 505.

1106.3 Golf Car Passages.
Golf car passages shall comply with Section 1106.3.

1106.3.1 Clear Width.
The clear width of golf car passages shall be 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum.

1106.3.2 Barriers.
Where curbs or other constructed barriers prevent golf cars from entering a fairway, openings 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in width shall be provided at intervals not to exceed 75 yards (69 m).

1106.4 Weather Shelters.
A clear floor space 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum by 96 inches (2440 mm) minimum shall be provided within weather shelters.

1107 Miniature Golf Facilities
1107.1 General.
Miniature golf facilities shall comply with Section 1107.

1107.2 Accessible Routes.
Accessible routes serving holes on miniature golf courses shall comply with Chapter 4.

**EXCEPTION:** Accessible routes located on playing surfaces of miniature golf holes shall be permitted to comply with the following:

1. Playing surfaces shall not be required to comply with Section 302.2.
2. Where accessible routes intersect playing surfaces of holes, a curb that is 1 inch (25 mm) maximum in height and 32 inches (815 mm) minimum in width shall be permitted.
3. A slope of 1:4 maximum shall be permitted for a rise of 4 inches (100 mm) maximum.
4. Ramp landing slopes specified by Section 405.7.1 shall be permitted to be 1:20 maximum.
5. Ramp landing length specified by Section 405.7.3 shall be permitted to be 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum.
6. Ramp landing size at a change in direction specified by Section 405.7.4 shall be permitted to be 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum by 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum.
7. Handrails shall not be required on holes. Where handrails are provided on holes, the handrails shall not be required to comply with Section 505.

1107.3 Miniature Golf Holes.
Miniature golf holes shall comply with Section 1107.3.

1107.3.1 Start of Play.
A clear floor space 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum by 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum with slopes not steeper than 1:48 shall be provided at the start of play.

1107.3.2 Golf Club Reach Range Area.

All areas where balls shall be within 36 inches (915 mm) maximum of a clear floor space 36 inches (915 mm) minimum in width and 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum in length having a running slope not steeper than 1:20. The clear floor space shall be served by an accessible route.

Note: Running Slope of Clear Floor or Ground Space Not Steeper Than 1:20

FIGURE 1107.3.2
GOLF CLUB REACH RANGE AREA

1108 Play Areas

1108.1 Scope.

Play areas shall comply with 1108.

1108.2 Accessible Routes for Play Areas.

Play areas shall provide accessible routes in accordance with Section 1108.2. Accessible routes serving play areas shall comply with Chapter 4 except as modified by Section 1108.4.

1108.2.1 Ground Level and Elevated Play Components.

At least one accessible route shall be provided within the play area. The accessible route shall connect ground level play components required to comply with Section 1108.3.2.1 and elevated play components required to comply with Section 1108.3.2.2, including entry and exit points of the play components.

1108.2.2 Soft Contained Play Structures.

Where three or fewer entry points are provided for soft contained play structures, at least one entry point shall be on an accessible route. Where four or more entry points are provided for soft contained play structures, at least two entry points shall be on an accessible route.

1108.3 Age Groups.

Play areas for children ages 2 and over shall comply with Section 1108.3. Where separate play areas are provided within a site for specific age groups, each play area shall comply with Section 1108.3.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Play areas located in family child care facilities where the proprietor actually resides shall not be required to comply with Section 1108.3.
2. In existing play areas, where play components are relocated for the purposes of creating safe use zones and the ground surface is not altered or extended for more than one use zone, the play area shall not be required to comply with Section 1108.3.
3. Amusement attractions shall not be required to comply with Section 1108.3.
4. Where play components are altered and the ground surface is not altered, the ground surface shall not be required to comply with Section 1108.4.1.6 unless required by the authority having jurisdiction.
1108.3.1 Additions.
Where play areas are designed and constructed in phases, the requirements of Section 1108.3 shall apply to each successive addition so that
when the addition is completed, the entire play area complies with all the applicable requirements of Section 1108.3.

1108.3.2 Play Components.
Where provided, play components shall comply with Section 1108.3.2.

1108.3.2.1 Ground Level Play Components.
Ground level play components shall be provided in the number and types required by Section 1108.3.2.1. Ground level play components that are provided to comply with Section 1108.3.2.1.1 shall be permitted to satisfy the additional number required by Section 1108.3.2.1.2 if the minimum required types of play components are satisfied. Where two or more required ground level play components are provided, they shall be dispersed throughout the play area and integrated with other play components.

1108.3.2.1.1 Minimum Number and Types.
Where ground level play components are provided, at least one of each type shall be on an accessible route and shall comply with Section 1108.4.3.

1108.3.2.1.2 Additional Number and Types.
Where elevated play components are provided, ground level play components shall be provided in accordance with Table 1108.3.2.1.2 and shall comply with Section 1108.4.3.

**EXCEPTION:** If at least 50 percent of the elevated play components are connected by a ramp and at least 3 of the elevated play components connected by the ramp are different types of play components, the play area shall not be required to comply with Section 1108.3.2.1.2.

**TABLE 1108.3.2.1.2 NUMBER AND TYPES OF GROUND LEVEL PLAY COMPONENTS REQUIRED TO BE ON ACCESSIBLE ROUTES**

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1108.3.2.2 Elevated Play Components.
Where elevated play components are provided, at least 50 percent shall be on an accessible route and shall comply with Section 1108.4.3.

1108.4 Accessible Routes Within Play areas.
Play areas shall comply with Section 1108.4.

1108.4.1 Accessible Routes.
Accessible routes serving play areas shall comply with Chapter 4 and Section 1108.4.1 and shall be permitted to use the exceptions in Sections 1108.4.1.1 through 1108.4.1.3. Where accessible routes serve ground level play components, the vertical clearance shall be 80 inches (2030 mm) minimum in height.

1108.4.1.1 Ground Level and Elevated Play Components.
Accessible routes serving ground level play components and elevated play components shall be permitted to use the exceptions in Section 1108.4.1.1.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

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1. Transfer systems complying with Section 1108.4.2 shall be permitted to connect elevated play components except where 20 or more elevated play components are provided no more than 25 percent of the elevated play components shall be permitted to be connected by transfer systems.
2. Where transfer systems are provided, an elevated play component shall be permitted to connect to another elevated play component as part of an accessible route.

1108.4.1.2 Soft Contained Play Structures.
Accessible routes serving soft contained play structures shall be permitted to use the exception in Section 1108.4.1.2.

EXCEPTION: Transfer systems complying with Section 1108.4.2 shall be permitted to be used as part of an accessible route.

1108.4.1.3 Water Play Components.
Accessible routes serving water play components shall be permitted to use the exceptions in Section 1108.4.1.3.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. Where the surface of the accessible route, clear floor spaces, or turning spaces serving water play components is submerged, complying with Sections 302, 403.3, 405.2, 405.3, and 1108.4.1.6 shall not be required.
2. Transfer systems complying with Section 1108.4.2 shall be permitted to connect elevated play components in water.

1108.4.1.4 Clear Width.
Accessible routes connecting play components shall provide a clear width complying with Section 1108.4.1.4.

1108.4.1.4.1 Ground Level.
At ground level, the clear width of accessible routes shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. In play areas less than 1000 square feet (93 m²), the clear width of accessible routes shall be permitted to be 44 inches (1120 mm) minimum, if at least one turning space complying with Section 304.3 is provided where the restricted accessible route exceeds 30 feet (9145 mm) in length.
2. The clear width of accessible routes shall be permitted to be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum for a distance of 60 inches (1525 mm) maximum provided that multiple reduced width segments are separated by segments that are 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in width and 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in length.

1108.4.1.4.2 Elevated.
The clear width of accessible routes connecting elevated play components shall be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. The clear width of accessible routes connecting elevated play components shall be permitted to be reduced to 32 inches (815 mm) minimum for a distance of 24 inches (610 mm) maximum provided that reduced width segments are separated by segments that are 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum in length and 36 inches (915 mm) minimum in width.
2. The clear width of transfer systems connecting elevated play components shall be permitted to be 24 inches (610 mm) minimum.

1108.4.1.5 Ramps.
Within play areas, ramps connecting ground level play components and ramps connecting elevated play components shall comply with Section 1108.4.1.5.

1108.4.1.5.1 Ground Level.
Ramp runs connecting ground level play components shall have a running slope not steeper than 1:16.

1108.4.1.5.2 Elevated.
The rise for any ramp run connecting elevated play components shall be 12 inches (305 mm) maximum.

1108.4.1.5.3 Handrails.
Where required on ramps serving play components, the handrails shall comply with Section 505 except as modified by Section 1108.4.1.5.3.
EXCEPTIONS:

1. Handrails shall not be required on ramps located within ground level use zones.
2. Handrail extensions shall not be required.

1108.4.1.5.3.1 Handrail Gripping Surfaces.
Handrail gripping surfaces with a circular cross section shall have an outside diameter of 0.95 inch (24 mm) minimum and 1.55 inches (39 mm) maximum. Where the shape of the gripping surface is noncircular, the handrail shall provide an equivalent gripping surface.

1108.4.1.5.3.2 Handrail Height.
The top of handrail gripping surfaces shall be 20 inches (510 mm) minimum and 28 inches (710 mm) maximum above the ramp surface.

1108.4.1.6 Ground Surfaces.
Ground surfaces on accessible routes, clear floor spaces, and turning spaces shall comply with Section 1108.4.1.6.

1108.4.1.6.1 Surface Condition.
Ground surfaces shall be stable, firm and slip resistant. Ground surfaces shall be inspected and maintained regularly and frequently to ensure continued compliance with this requirement.

1108.4.1.6.2 Use Zones.
Ground surfaces located within use zones shall comply with ASTM F 1292 listed in Sections 105.2.8 or 105.2.9.

1108.4.2 Transfer Systems.
Where transfer systems are provided to connect to elevated play components, the transfer systems shall comply with Section 1108.4.2.

1108.4.2.1 Transfer Platforms.
Transfer platforms shall be provided where transfer is intended from wheelchairs or other mobility aids. Transfer platforms shall comply with Section 1108.4.2.1.

![Diagram of a transfer platform with dimensions]

**FIG. 1108.4.2.1**
TRANSFER PLATFORMS

1108.4.2.1.1 Size.
Transfer platforms shall have level surfaces 14 inches (355 mm) minimum in depth and 24 inches (610 mm) minimum in width.

1108.4.2.1.2 Height.
The top of the transfer platforms shall be 11 inches (280 mm) minimum and 18 inches (455 mm) maximum in height above the floor.

1108.4.2.1.3 Transfer Space.
A transfer space complying with Sections 305.2 and 305.3 shall be provided adjacent to the transfer platform. The 48-inch (1220 mm) minimum length dimension of the transfer space shall be centered on and parallel to the 24-inch (610 mm) minimum length side of the transfer platform. The side of the transfer platform serving the transfer space shall be unobstructed.
1108.4.2.1.4 Transfer Supports.
At least one means of support for transferring shall be provided.

1108.4.2.2 Transfer Steps.
Transfer steps shall be provided where movement is intended from transfer platforms to levels with elevated play components required to be on accessible routes. Transfer steps shall comply with Section 1108.4.2.2.

![Diagram of transfer steps](image)

**FIG. 1108.4.2.2 TRANSFER STEPS**

1108.4.2.2.1 Size.
Transfer steps shall have level surfaces 14 inches (355 mm) minimum in depth and 24 inches (610 mm) minimum in width.

1108.4.2.2.2 Height.
Each transfer step shall be 8 inches (205 mm) maximum in height.

1108.4.2.2.3 Transfer Supports.
At least one means of support for transferring shall be provided.

1108.4.3 Play Components.
Ground level play components on accessible routes and elevated play components connected by ramps shall comply with Section 1108.4.3.

1108.4.3.1 Turning Space.
At least one turning space complying with Section 304 shall be provided on the same level as play components. Where swings are provided, the turning space shall be located immediately adjacent to the swing.

1108.4.3.2 Clear Floor Space.
Clear floor space complying with Sections 305.2 and 305.3 shall be provided at play components.

1108.4.3.3 Play Tables.
Where play tables are provided, knee clearance 24 inches (610 mm) minimum in height, 17 inches (430 mm) minimum in depth, and 30 inches (760 mm) minimum in width shall be provided. The tops of rims, curbs, or other obstructions shall be 31 inches (785 mm) maximum in height.

**EXCEPTION:** Play tables designed and constructed primarily for children 5 years and younger shall not be required to provide knee clearance where the clear floor space required by Section 1108.4.3.2 is arranged for a parallel approach.

1108.4.3.4 Entry Points and Seats.
Where play components require transfer to entry points or seats, the entry points or seats shall be 11 inches (280 mm) minimum and 24 inches (610 mm) maximum from the clear floor space.

**EXCEPTION:** Entry points of slides shall not be required to comply with Section 1108.4.3.4.
1108.4.3.5 Transfer Supports.
Where play components require transfer to entry points or seats, at least one means of support for transferring shall be provided.

1109 Swimming Pools, Wading Pools, Hot tubs and Spas

1109.1 General.
Swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs and spas shall comply with Section 1109.

1109.1.1 Swimming pools.
At least two accessible means of entry shall be provided for swimming pools. Accessible means of entry shall be swimming pool lifts complying with Section 1109.2; sloped entries complying with Section 1109.3; transfer walls complying with Section 1109.4; transfer systems complying with Section 1109.5; and pool stairs complying with Section 1109.6. At least one accessible means of entry provided shall comply with Section 1109.2 or 1109.3.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. Where a swimming pool has less than 300 linear feet (91 m) of swimming pool wall, no more than one accessible means of entry shall be required.
2. Wave action pools, leisure rivers, sand bottom pools, and other pools where user access is limited to one area shall not be required to provide more than one accessible means of entry provided that the accessible means of entry is a swimming pool lift complying with Section 1109.2, a sloped entry complying with Section 1109.3, or a transfer system complying with Section 1109.5.
3. Catch pools shall not be required to provide an accessible means of entry provided that the catch pool edge is on an accessible route.

1109.1.2 Wading pools.
At least one sloped entry complying with Section 1109.3 shall be provided in wading pools.

1109.1.3 Hot tubs and Spas.
At least one accessible means of entry shall be provided for hot tubs and spas. Accessible means of entry shall comply with swimming pool lifts complying with Section 1109.2; transfer walls complying with Section 1109.4; or transfer systems complying with Section 1109.5.

EXCEPTION: Where hot tubs or spas are provided in a cluster, no more than 5 percent, but not less than one hot tub or spa in each cluster shall be required to comply with Section 1109.1.3.

1109.2 Pool Lifts.
Pool lifts shall comply with Section 1109.2.

1109.2.1 Pool Lift Location.
Pool lifts shall be located where the water level does not exceed 48 inches (1220 mm).

EXCEPTIONS:
1. Where the entire pool depth is greater than 48 inches (1220 mm), compliance with Section 1109.2.1 shall not be required.
2. Where multiple pool lift locations are provided, no more than one pool lift shall be required to be located in an area where the water level is 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum.

1109.2.2 Seat Location.
In the raised position, the centerline of the seat shall be located over the deck and 16 inches (405 mm) minimum from the edge of the pool. The deck surface between the centerline of the seat and the pool edge shall have a slope not steeper than 1:48.

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1109.2.3 Clear Deck Space.
On the side of the seat opposite the water, a clear deck space shall be provided parallel with the seat. The space shall be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum in width and shall extend forward 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum from a line located 12 inches (305 mm) behind the rear edge of the seat. The clear deck space shall have a slope not steeper than 1:48.

FIGURE 1109.2.2
POOL LIFT SEAT LOCATION

1109.2.4 Seat Height.
The height of the lift seat shall be designed to allow a stop at 16 inches (405 mm) minimum and 19 inches (485 mm) maximum measured from the deck to the top of the seat surface when in the raised (load) position.

FIGURE 1109.2.4
POOL LIFT SEAT HEIGHT

1109.2.5 Seat.
The seat shall be 16 inches (405 mm) minimum in width, provide a back rest, and be of a firm and stable design.

1109.2.6 Footrests and Armrests.
Footrests shall be provided and shall move with the seat. If provided, the armrest positioned opposite the water shall be removable or shall fold clear of the seat when the seat is in the raised (load) position.

EXCEPTION: Footrests shall not be required on pool lifts provided in spas.

1109.2.7 Operation.
The lift shall be capable of unassisted operation from both the deck and water levels. Controls and operating mechanisms shall be unobstructed when the lift is in use and shall comply with Section 309.4.

1109.2.8 Submerged Depth.
The lift shall be designed so that the seat will submerge to a water depth of 18 inches (455 mm) minimum below the stationary water level.

![Diagram of pool lift submerged depth](image)

**FIGURE 1109.2.8**
**POOL LIFT SUBMERGED DEPTH**

1109.2.9 Lifting Capacity.
Single person pool lifts shall have a weight capacity of 300 pounds (136 kg) minimum and be capable of sustaining a static load of at least one and a half times the rated load.

1109.3 Sloped Entries.
Sloped entries shall comply with Section 1109.3.

1109.3.1 Sloped Entry Route.
Sloped entries shall comply with Chapter 4 except as modified by Sections 1109.3.1 through 1109.3.3.

**EXCEPTION:** Where sloped entries are provided, the surfaces shall not be required to be slip resistant.

1109.3.2 Submerged Depth.
Sloped entries for swimming pools shall comply with Section 1109.3.2.1. Sloped entries for wading pools shall comply with Section 1109.3.2.2.

![Diagram of sloped entry submerged depth](image)

**FIGURE 1109.3.2**
**SLOPED ENTRY SUBMERGED DEPTH**

1109.3.2.1 Swimming Pools.
Sloped entries for swimming pools shall extend to a depth of 24 inches (610 mm) minimum and 30 inches (760 mm) maximum below the stationary water level. Where landings are required by Section 405.7, at least one landing shall be located 24 inches (610 mm) minimum and 30 inches (760 mm) maximum below the stationary water level.

1109.3.2.2 Wading Pools.
In wading pools, the sloped entry shall extend to the deepest part of the wading pool.

1109.3.3 Handrails.
At least two handrails complying with Section 505 shall be provided on the sloped entry. The clear width between required handrails shall be 33 inches (840 mm) minimum and 38 inches (965 mm) maximum.

EXCEPTIONS:
1. Handrail extensions specified by Section 505.10.1 shall not be required at the bottom landing serving a sloped entry.
2. Where a sloped entry is provided for wave action pools, leisure rivers, sand bottom pools, and other pools where user access is limited to one area, the handrails shall not be required to comply with the clear width requirements of Section 1109.3.3.
3. Sloped entries in wading pools shall not be required to provide handrails complying with Section 1109.3.3. If provided, handrails on sloped entries in wading pools shall not be required to comply with Section 505.

1109.4 Transfer Walls.
Transfer walls shall comply with Section 1109.4.

1109.4.1 Clear Deck Space.
A clear deck space of 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum by 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum with a slope not steeper than 1:48 shall be provided at the base of the transfer wall. Where one grab bar is provided, the clear deck space shall be centered on the grab bar. Where two grab bars are provided, the clear deck space shall be centered on the clearance between the grab bars.

1109.4.2 Height.
The height of the transfer wall shall be 16 inches (405 mm) minimum and 19 inches (485 mm) maximum measured from the deck.

**FIGURE 1109.4.2**
TRANSFER WALL HEIGHT

1109.4.3 Wall Depth and Length.

The transfer wall shall be 12 inches (305 mm) minimum and 16 inches (405 mm) maximum in depth. The transfer wall shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum in length and shall be centered on the clear deck space.

**FIGURE 1109.4.3**
DEPTH AND LENGTH OF TRANSFER WALLS

1109.4.4 Surface.

Surfaces of transfer walls shall not be sharp and shall have rounded edges.

1109.4.5 Grab Bars.

At least one grab bar complying with Sections 609.1 through 609.3 and 609.5 through 609.8 shall be provided on the transfer wall. Grab bars shall be perpendicular to the pool wall and shall extend the full depth of the transfer wall. The top of the gripping surface shall be 4 inches (100 mm) minimum and 6 inches (150 mm) maximum above the transfer wall. Where one grab bar is provided, clearance shall be 24 inches (610 mm) minimum on both sides of the grab bar. Where two grab bars are provided, clearance between grab bars shall be 24 inches (610 mm) minimum.

**FIGURE 1109.4.5**
GRAB BARS FOR TRANSFER WALLS

1109.5 Transfer Systems.

Transfer systems shall comply with Section 1109.5.

1109.5.1 Transfer Platform.
A transfer platform shall be provided at the head of each transfer system. Transfer platforms shall provide a clear depth of 19 inches (485 mm) minimum and a clear width of 24 inches (610 mm) minimum.

![Diagram of transfer platform](image)

**FIG. 1109.5.1**

**SIZE OF TRANSFER PLATFORM**

1109.5.2 Transfer Space.

A transfer space of 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum by 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum with a slope not steeper than 1:48 shall be provided at the base of the transfer platform surface. The transfer space shall be centered along a 24-inch (610 mm) minimum side of the transfer platform. The side of the transfer platform serving the transfer space shall be unobstructed.

![Diagram of clear deck space at transfer platform](image)

**FIG. 1109.5.2**

**CLEAR DECK SPACE AT TRANSFER PLATFORM**

1109.5.3 Height.

The height of the transfer platform shall comply with Section 1109.4.2.

1109.5.4 Transfer Steps.

Transfer steps shall be 8 inches (205 mm) maximum in height. The surface of the bottom tread shall extend to a water depth of 18 inches (455 mm) minimum below the stationary water level.

![Diagram of transfer steps](image)

**FIG. 1109.5.4**

**TRANSFER STEPS**

1109.5.5 Surface.

The surface of the transfer system shall not be sharp and shall have rounded edges.

1109.5.6 Size.

Each transfer step shall have a tread clear depth of 14 inches (355 mm) minimum and 17 inches (430 mm) maximum and shall have a tread...
1109.5.7 Grab Bars.
At least one grab bar on each transfer step and the transfer platform or a continuous grab bar serving each transfer step and the transfer platform shall be provided. Where a grab bar is provided on each step, the tops of gripping surfaces shall be 4 inches (100 mm) minimum and 6 inches (150 mm) maximum above each step and transfer platform. Where a continuous grab bar is provided, the top of the gripping surface shall be 4 inches (100 mm) minimum and 6 inches (150 mm) maximum above the step nosing and transfer platform. Grab bars shall comply with Sections 609.1 through 609.3 and 609.5 through 609.8 and be located on at least one side of the transfer system. The grab bar located at the transfer platform shall not obstruct transfer.

1109.6 Pool Stairs.
Pool stairs shall comply with Section 1109.6.

1109.6.1 Pool Stairs.
Pool stairs shall comply with Section 504.

EXCEPTION: Pool step risers shall not be required to be 4 inches (100 mm) minimum and 7 inches (180 mm) maximum in height provided that riser heights are uniform.

1109.6.1 Handrails.
The width between handrails shall be 20 inches (510 mm) minimum and 24 inches (610 mm) maximum. Handrail extensions required by 505.10.3 shall not be required on pool stairs.

1110 Shooting Facilities with Firing Positions
1110.1 Turning Space.
A circular turning space complying with Section 304.3.1 with slopes not steeper than 1:48 shall be provided at shooting facility firing positions.