# Physical Accessibility in Higher Education



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This document sets out a variety of resources for those interested in enhancing physical access to places of higher education. All references are to links that are available to the public without charge or subscription.

#### I. STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

Americans with Disabilities Act (as amended by the ADA Amendments Act, effective January 1, 2009; and text of ADA before amendments):

http://www.ada.gov/pubs/ada.htm

Overview and text:

http://www.access-board.gov/about/laws/ada.htm#Text

Department of Justice 2010 regulations for title II and title III of the ADA, effective March 15, 2011, including ADA Standards for Accessible Design:

http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/ADAregs2010.htm

Technical amendments, <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-03-11/html/2011-5580.htm">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-03-11/html/2011-5581.htm</a>
Extension of deadline for compliance as to swimming pools and similar facilities, <a href="http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/ADAregs2012/finalrule-existingpools-FR-may21.htm">http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/ADAregs2012/finalrule-existingpools-FR-may21.htm</a>

2010 Standards for Accessible Design (DOJ's compilation of all related materials): <a href="http://www.ada.gov/2010ADAstandards">http://www.ada.gov/2010ADAstandards</a> index.htm

1991/1994 regulation for title III of the ADA including ADA Standards for Accessible Design, revised July 1, 1994. (Changes per 2010 regulation, in entry above, are effective March 15, 2011.) <a href="http://www.ada.gov/reg3a.html">http://www.ada.gov/reg3a.html</a>

Standards: http://www.ada.gov/stdspdf.htm

Title II regulation, without 2010 revisions, 28 C.F.R. Part 35. (Changes per 2010 regulation, in entry above, are effective March 15, 2011.) <a href="http://www.ada.gov/reg2.html">http://www.ada.gov/reg2.html</a>

ADA Standards for Accessible Design, 1991/1994. (Changes per 2010 regulation, in entry above, are effective March 15, 2011, and 2010 Standards must be followed beginning March 15, 2012.) <a href="https://www.ada.gov/stdspdf.htm">www.ada.gov/stdspdf.htm</a>

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Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards: www.access-board.gov/ufas/ufas-html/ufas.htm

DOT's ADA regulations, 49 C.F.R. Part 37:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx 03/49cfr37 03.html

### Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended

Section 504 is part of title V of the Act:

http://www.access-board.gov/enforcement/Rehab-Act-text/intro.htm

[Note: this version does not include amendments made by the ADA Amendments Act.]]

Section 504 regulations of the Department of Justice for federally assisted programs, 28 C.F.R. Part 41:

http://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/28/41

Section 504 regulations of the Department of Education for federally assisted programs, 34 C.F.R. Part 104:

http://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/34/104

Notice of interpretation as to standards, issued March 14, 2012

http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-03-14/pdf/2012-6122.pdf

#### FAIR HOUSING AMENDMENTS ACT

Summaries and accessibility guidelines:

www.fairhousingfirst.org

**II. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE** (see generally <a href="www.ada.gov">www.ada.gov</a>, DOJ's ADA web site)

#### A. Technical assistance materials

Title II Technical Assistance Manual and supplement:

http://www.ada.gov/taman2.html

http://www.ada.gov/taman2up.html

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Title III Technical Assistance Manual and supplement:

http://www.ada.gov/taman3.html http://www.ada.gov/taman3up.html

ADA Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Governments:

http://www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/toolkitmain.htm

An ADA Guide for Local Governments: Making Community Emergency Preparedness and Response Programs Accessible to People with Disabilities: <a href="http://www.ada.gov/emergencyprepguide.htm">http://www.ada.gov/emergencyprepguide.htm</a>

Numerous technical assistance materials on 2010 regulations at <a href="www.ada.gov">www.ada.gov</a> (e.g., swimming pools, effective date and compliance date)

### B. Settlement agreements and consent decrees

Mills College, January 15, 2013:

http://www.ada.gov/mills\_college\_sa/mills-college.htm

McNeese State University, September 10, 2010:

http://www.ada.gov/mcneese.htm

Intellitec Colleges (proprietary school), December 12, 2009:

http://www.ada.gov/intellitec coll.htm

Chatham University, December 9, 2008:

http://www.ada.gov/chatham/chathamsa.htm

EDMC (proprietary school, leasing), July 23, 2008:

http://www.ada.gov/edmc.htm

University of Michigan, March 10, 2008:

http://www.ada.gov/umichstadium.htm

Swarthmore College, November 19, 2007:

http://www.ada.gov/swarthmore.htm

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University of Chicago, July 17, 2006: www.ada.gov/unichicagosa.htm

Colorado College, August 3, 2006: www.ada.gov/colocoll.htm

Millikin University, March 14, 2002: www.ada.gov/millikin.htm

Duke University, February 3, 2000: <a href="https://www.ada.gov/duke.htm">www.ada.gov/duke.htm</a>

Washington Hospital Center (medical facilities and equipment), November 2, 2009:

www.ada.gov/whc.htm

Fact sheet:

www.ada.gov/whcfactsheet.htm

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, September 22, 2009:

http://www.ada.gov/bidmsa.htm

#### C. <u>Litigation</u>

<u>United States v. University of Nebraska at Kearney</u>, court decision holding campus housing subject to Fair Housing Act:

http://www.ada.gov/kearney\_order.pdf

### D. Policy letters

Fraternities and sororities:

http://www.justice.gov/crt/foia/readingroom/frequent\_requests/ada\_coreletter/cltr129.txt

Campus transportation:

www.usdoj.gov/crt/foia/cltr106.txt

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### E. Other

Accessibility (Design and Construction) Requirements for Covered Multifamily Dwellings under the Fair Housing Act, Joint Statement of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and DOJ (May 2, 2013):

http://www.ada.gov/doj hud statement.pdf

#### III. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OCR Case Processing Manual, revised January 2010: <a href="http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/ocrcpm.html">http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/ocrcpm.html</a>

"Dear Colleague" letter re: title II, section 504, returning veterans (July 25, 2008): <a href="http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-20080725.html">http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-20080725.html</a>

#### IV. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

www.access-board.gov

http://www.disabilityinfo.gov/digov-public/public/DisplayPage.do?parentFolderId=213

http://www.espfocus.org/ (individual preparedness)

NFPA's Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide for People with Disabilities <a href="http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/Forms/EvacuationGuide.pdf">http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/Forms/EvacuationGuide.pdf</a>

National Council on Disability:

Report and recommendations from the National Council on Disability, August 12, 2009. http://www.ncd.gov/newsroom/publications/2009/NCD\_EmergencyManagement\_HTM\_L/EffectiveEmergencyManagement.html

National Organization on Disability emergency preparedness materials: <a href="http://www.ncd.gov/newsroom/publications/2005/saving lives.htm">http://www.ncd.gov/newsroom/publications/2005/saving lives.htm</a>

FEMA Office of Disability Integration and Coordination:

 $\underline{http://www.fema.gov/office-disability-integration-coordination/office-disability-integration-coordination/office-1}$ 

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From the University of Chicago:

http://provost.uchicago.edu/initiatives/disabilities.shtml

http://emergency.uchicago.edu/emp/evacuation/disabled.shtml

From Swarthmore College:

http://www.swarthmore.edu/x17268.xml http://www.swarthmore.edu/x18462.xml

#### V. PRIVATE LITIGATION

Settlement agreement: <u>Gufstason v. U.C. Berkeley</u> (2005):

http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=dra%20legal%20guftason%20berkeley&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CC0QFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.clearinghouse.net%2FchDocs%2Fpublic%2FED-CA-0002-0001.pdf&ei=GljRUZrRE6Pz0gG-7IGYDQ&usg=AFQjCNEFfLXRMVclFJs-3ABiH0j2sDwS0Q&bvm=bv.48572450,d.dmQ&cad=rja

Settlement agreement: <u>Jackson et al. v. California State University San Bernardino</u>, EDCV 05-1110-VAP (JCRx) (12/19/2007): no public link

Federal District Court decision: <u>Kuchmas v. Towson University et al.</u>, No. RDB 06-3281 (D. Md. May 15, 2008) (denial of Defendants' motion for partial summary judgment concerning statute of limitations for design and construction claims under the ADA, FHA, section 504): <a href="http://www.mdd.uscourts.gov/Opinions/Opinions/KuchmasMemoOp.pdf">http://www.mdd.uscourts.gov/Opinions/Opinions/KuchmasMemoOp.pdf</a>

Decision concerning captioning at stadium: <u>Feldman v. Pro Football, Inc.</u>, No. AW-06-2266 (D. Md. Sept. 30, 2008) (Fed Ex Field):

http://www.mdd.uscourts.gov/opinions/opinions/feldman093008.pdf

#### Covington v. McNeese State University:

http://www.mcneeselawsuit.com/cases.html (web site of attorney in private litigation)

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