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A Ministry to Welcome Worshipers of All Abilities as Active Participants

FACILITIES SURVEY

Use the following survey to evaluate the accessibility of your campus. At least one person who uses a wheelchair should be part of the survey team. “NO” answers indicate areas which need to be addressed. See * below for tips.

Parking		
YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are 10% of all parking spaces designated accessible spaces? If no, actual number:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are car spaces at least 8’ wide in the accessible spaces? If no, actual width:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there an adjacent access aisle at least 5’ wide, minimum? Two spaces can share access aisles.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are the reserved spaces and access aisles paved, even if the rest of the parking lot is not paved?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there at least one van-accessible space? One van accessible space for every six accessible spaces is recommended.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the van-accessible space 8’ wide, minimum with an 8’ wide access aisle?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are reserved spaces clearly marked with access symbol signage, 60” to bottom of sign, minimum? If no, actual height of signage:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the van-accessible space clearly marked “Van Accessible”?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are reserved spaces on a level surface?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a 3’ wide curb cut between the parking lot and sidewalk, with a slope of 1”:12”? Actual width of curb cut: Actual slope of curb cut:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are reserved spaces close to an accessible entrance and on an accessible route with walkways at least 54 inches wide?

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YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are wheel stops installed 18' from the curb to prevent car overhang onto sidewalk leading to the accessible entrance?
Walkways		
YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do walkways have non-slip, paved surfaces?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are walkways the recommended 36" wide with 60" x 60" passing spots every 200' to allow for passing? If no, actual width:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the slope of the walkway a maximum of 1" rise in 20"?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are walkways of a continuing common surface, and not interrupted by steps?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are there any protruding objects, such as shrubs, in the walkway? List and create a plan for removal:
Ramps		
YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Has a sloped walkway rather than an exterior ramp been considered?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do ramps have a slope no greater than 1" rise in 12"?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do ramps have a width of no less than 36" between handrails?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do ramps have continuous side rails on both sides?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are side rails 34" to 38" above the surface of the ramp?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do side rails extend 1' beyond the top and bottom of the ramp?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do ramps have a non-slip surface?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do ramps have level 5' platforms at 30' intervals and whenever they turn (for purposes of rest and safety)?

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are exterior ramps covered with a canopy for weather protection to keep ramps free of snow, ice and rain?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If exterior ramps are not covered is a 4" bottom rail in place rather than a curb to allow rain to drain off and snow to be pushed off?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are ramped entrances clearly designated with signage?
Entrance		
YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is at least one primary entrance to the building usable by people who use wheelchairs and walkers?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do doors have a clear opening of 32" or more? If no, actual width:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If doors have a closer, is there a time-delay device?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	When closed, are doors that are in a series separated by at least 4' plus the width of any door swinging into the space? If no, actual distance:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all thresholds level (less than ¼ inch), or beveled, up to ½ inch high?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are door handles 48" high or less?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are door handles operable with a closed fist?
Wheelchair Lift		
YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is platform 42" x 48"? If no, actual dimension:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Can lift be operated by persons with disabilities without assistance?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is lift secured to prevent accidents or misuse?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there an accessible route on and off the lift, top and bottom?

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Access to Worship		
YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are there one or two pews 32” apart for people who use crutches or walkers?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have the ends of several pews been removed to allow people in wheelchairs to sit with family?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are there chairs with padded seats, some padded pews, or seat pads to distribute?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are there areas of adequate lighting to enable participation in worship?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there adequate lighting on speakers and interpreters, with no shadows on either?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are worship aides and hymnals available for people with vision loss in large print?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are worship aides and hymnals available for people with vision loss in Braille?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there an amplification system for persons who are hard of hearing? If yes, what type?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are there sign language interpreters for people who are deaf and hard of hearing?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In lieu of interpreters, is there real-time captioning available?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the sanctuary accessible so that people who use wheelchairs and walkers can serve as worship ministers?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have ushers been trained to offer appropriate assistance?
Stairs		
YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do stairs have a non-slip surface?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are stairs well-lit?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a continuous and stable handrail along both sides of the stairs? If no, note if there is handrail on one side here:

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YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there textural or color change at the top and bottom of steps to alert persons with vision loss?
Restrooms		
YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there at least one accessible restroom provided on each floor?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do entranceways, doors, and vision screens allow 32” clearance?
Is there at least one toilet stall that:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Has a stall 60” wide by 56” minimum clear inside dimension for a wall mounted toilet or 60”x 59” for floor mounted?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Has an out-swinging door that has a 32” clear opening?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Has grab bars 36” long on each side or on one side and rear wall, 33” to 36” above floor, fastened securely to the wall at the ends and center?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Has a commode with seat 17” to 19” from floor?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Has paper holder 7”- 9” in front of toilet, 14”- 19” from floor?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are sinks wall-mounted with rim no higher than 34” from floor?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do sinks have faucets operable with closed fist? (Single-lever type handles not requiring hand grip are preferred.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are exposed drain pipes and hot water pipes covered or insulated?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are some mirrors and shelves at a height with the bottom no higher than 40” above floor (or slanted to allow vision at that level)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are some towel racks, and other dispensers and disposal units mounted no higher than 40” from the floor?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do restrooms for men have wall-mounted urinals with opening of the basin no higher than 17” from the floor, or have floor-mounted urinals that are level with the main floor?

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Elevators		
YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If building is multi-story, is there an elevator?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are the hall call buttons centered at 42" maximum from floor?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all of the interior controls 48" or less from the floor? If no, actual height:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are the buttons labeled with raised or Braille letters beside them?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do cab dimensions range from 51"x 80" to 60"x 60"? If no, actual dimension:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a handrail provided on at least one side, 32" from the floor?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the door slow-closing, with a sensing device?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there an audible signal at each floor?

*** To save time, you may want to divide your committee into groups, assign each group different areas to survey and then have groups report back on findings. Make copies of the survey for team members and place on clipboards. Use a tape measure for accurate measurements.**

Measurements in this survey are based on Means ADA Compliance Pricing Guide 2nd Edition, Kingston, MA: Reed Construction Data, Inc, 2004.

Specific accessibility requirements may vary by state and local rules. Consult your local authorities for accessibility requirements that may differ from the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG). Where local rules are stricter than the ADAAG they take precedence.

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