THE WISCONSIN AREA 75/ AA ACCESSIBILITY

SELF ASSESSMENT GUIDE

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This is a guide for best practice to diminish the barriers that people with disabilities may encounter at your location.

ACCESS ELEMENT	POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS
1. ACCESSIBLE APPROACH & ENTRANCE	
People with disabilities should be able to arrive on site, approach a building, and enter as freely as everyone else. At least one route of travel should be safe and accessible to everyone.	
Route of Travel Is there a route of travel that does not require the use of stairs?	
	Add a ramp
	Add an alternative route on level ground
Can all objects protruding into circulation paths more than 4 inches be detected by someone with a visual disability using a cane?	
Distance from wall:	
Height:	
(To be detected with a cane, an object must be within 27 inches of the ground. Objects hanging our mounted overhead must be higher than 80 inches to give clear headroom.)	
	 Move/remove protruding objects Add a cane-detectable base that extends to the ground Place a cane-detectable object on the ground underneath as a warning barrier

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Do curbs on the route have cut-outs at drives, parking, and drop-off sites?	Install curb cut
Ramps Are slopes of ramps no greater than 1:12? (Slope is a ratio of height to length. 1:12 means for every 12 inches along the base of a ramp, the height increases 1 inch. For 1:12 maximum slope at least one foot of ramp length is needed for each inch of height.)	 Lengthen ramp to decrease slope Relocate ramp If space is limited, reconfigure ramp to include 180° turns.
Do all ramps longer than 6 feet have railings on both sides? [where rise is more than 6" or run is longer than 72"]	Add railings

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Parking and Drop-of	f Areas	
	ber of accessible parking et wide for car plus 5-foot	
Number of car access	ible spaces:	
The following number required:	of accessible spaces are	Reconfigure a reasonable number of spaces by repainting stripes
Total 1-25 26-50	Accessible 1 van space 2 including 1 van space	

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Are accessible spaces closest to accessible entrances?	
Are accessible spaces marked with identification signs?	 Reconfigure spaces Install signs in parking lots
Entrance	
If there are stairs at the main entrance, is there a ramp, lift, or an alternate entrance that is accessible?	
NOTE: Do not use a service entrance as the accessible entrance.	If the main entrance can not be made accessible, create a dignified alternate accessible entrance. Make sure accessible parking is near this entrance.
Do all inaccessible entrances have signs giving the location of the nearest accessible entrance?	Install signs so people do not have to retrace the approach.
Can the alternate entrance be used independently?	As much as possible, eliminate need for aid – to answer a doorbell, operate a lift, or put down a temporary ramp, etc.

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Does the entrance door have at least 32 inches of clear opening (at least one 32-inch leaf on a double door)?	
Clear opening:	
Is there a clear wall space of at least 18 inches on pull side of a door (24 inches preferred), next to handle?	 Widen the door to 32 inches of clear opening Install offset (swing-clear) hinges
Clear space: Needed for a person in a wheelchair to get close enough to open a door	 Remove or relocate furnishings Move door Add power-assisted or automatic door opener
Is there a threshold edge 1/4 inch high or less, or beveled edge from 1/4 to 1/2 inch high?	
Height:	 If there is a single step with a rise of 6 inches or less, add a short ramp. If the threshold is greater than 1/2 inch high, remove it or modify it to be a ramp
Are carpeting or mats a maximum of 1/2 inch high? Height:	Replace or remove mats
Is the door handle no lower than 30 inches and no higher than 44 inches and operable without grasping, twisting, or turning? Height:	 Lower handle Replace inaccessible knobs with levers or loop handles Retrofit with an add-on lever extension

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Can doors be opened without excessive force (exterior doors, maximum 8.5lbf)? Force:	Adjust door closures and oil hinges
	 Install power-assisted or automatic door openers Install lighter doors
2. ACCESS TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES Does the layout of the building allow people with disabilities to obtain materials and services without assistance?	
Horizontal Circulation Does the accessible entrance provide direct access to the meetings and accessible restrooms?	 Add ramps or lifts Make another entrance accessible
Are accessible routes to the meeting spaces at last 36 inches wide: Width:	
width	Move furnishings such as tables, chairs, display racks, vending machines, and counters to make more room.

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Doors Do all doors have at least a 32-inch clear opening?	Identify/widen/replace doors
On the pull side of doors, next to the handle, is there a clear wall space of at least 18 inches (24 inches preferred) so a person using a wheelchair can get near to open the door?	
Space:	 Reverse the door swing if safe to do so Move/remove obstructing partitions
Can doors be opened without excessive force (5 lbf maximum for interior doors)?	 Install power-assisted or automatic door openers Adjust or replace closures Install lighter doors
Are door handles between 30 - 44 inches high and operable without grasping, twisting, or turning? Height:	 Adjust height of handles Replace inaccessible knobs or latches with lever or loop handles Retrofit with add-on levers Install power-assisted or automatic door openers
Are all threshold edges 1/4 inch high or less, or beveled from 1/4 to 1/2 inch high?	If there is a threshold greater than 1/2 inch
Height:	 high, remove it or modify it to be a ramp If between 1/4 and 1/2 inch high, add bevels to both sides

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Rooms and Spaces Are all aisles and pathways to materials and services at least 36 inches wide? Width:	Rearrange furniture and fixtures to clear aisles
In circulation paths through public areas, are all obstacles cane-detectable (within 27 inches of the floor or higher than 80 inches, or protruding less than 4 inches, from the wall)? Height: Protrusion:	 Remove obstacles Install furnishings, planters, or other cane- detectable barriers underneath
Emergency Egress Are emergency systems (fire alarms, smoke detectors, etc.) provided?	
If so, do they have both flashing lights and audible signals?	Install visible and audible alarms
Are exit doors clearly marked?	

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Signage for Programs & Services Different requirements apply to different kinds of signs. If provided, do signs and room numbers designating permanent rooms and spaces where programs/services are provided comply with appropriate sign requirements?	
Are tactile signs mounted with centerline 60 inches from the floor. Height:	Provide signs that have raised letters, Grade II Braille, and meet other requirements for permanent room/space signage
Are raised characters between 5/8 and 2 inches high with high contrast (for room numbers, toilet rooms and exits).	
Is Brailled text of the same information available?	Provide signs that have raised letters, Grade II Braille, and meet other requirements for permanent room/space signage
<i>Directional and Informational Signage</i> If mounted above 80 inches, are letters at last 3 inches with high contrast and non-glare finish? Height:	
	Review requirements and replace signs as needed

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ACCESS ELEMENT Seats, Tables & Counters Are spaces for wheelchair seating dispersed throughout?	POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS Remove some fixed seating Rearrange seating

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Vertical Circulation Are there ramps, wheelchair lifts, or elevators to all public areas?	
	 Install ramps or lifts Modify a service elevator Relocate goods/services to accessible areas
If there are stairs between entrances and/or elevators and essential public areas, are there accessible alternate routes on each level?	
Stairs These questions apply to stairs connecting levels not served by an elevator, ramp or lift. Do treads have a non-slip surface?	Post clear signs directing people along accessible routes
Do stairs have continuous rails on both sides with extensions beyond the top and bottom stairs?	Add a non-slip surface to treads
	Add or replace handrails (if possible within existing floor plan)

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Elevators Are there visual and verbal or audible indicators of door openings/closing and floors?	Install visual and verbal or audible signals
Are call buttons in hallways no higher than 42 inches? Height:	
	 Lower call buttons Provide permanently attached reach sticks
Do controls in the elevator cab have raised and Braille lettering?	
	Install raised lettering and Braille next to buttons
Are there signs on (in raised and Braille letters) both doorjambs at every floor indicating the floor?	
	 Install tactile signs to identify floor numbers, 60 inches from the floor

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Lifts	
Can the lift be used without assistance?	At each stopping level, post clear instructions
Is there a clear space of at least 30 by 48 inches for someone in a wheelchair to reach the controls and use the lift.	for using the lift
	Rearrange furnishings and equipment to clear more space
3. USABILITY OF TOILET ROOMS When restrooms are open to the public, they should be accessible to people with disabilities.	
Getting to toilet rooms Is at least one fully accessible toilet room available to the public (one for each sex or unisex)?	
Are there signs at inaccessible rest rooms that give directions to accessible ones?	
	Reconfigure toilet room
Doorways & Passages Is there tactile signage identifying rest rooms (mount signs on wall, on the latch side of the	Combine toilet rooms to create one unisex accessible toilet room
door, per permanent signage requirements)?	
□ YES □ NO	Install directional signs
Are pictograms or symbols used to identify toilet rooms?	
YES No	
	Add accessible signage placed to the side of the door, 60 inches to centerline - not on the door itself

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Is the doorway clearance at least 32 inches?	
YES NO	Install offset (swing-clear) hinges Widen the doorway
Are doors equipped with accessible handles (operable with a closed fist), 44 inches high or less:	
YES NO	 Lower handles Replace knobs/latches with levers or loop handles
	Add lever extensions
Does the entry setup provide adequate maneuvering space for a person using a wheelchair?	openers
Space: YES	Rearrange chairs, trashcans, etc.
(A person in a wheelchair needs 44 inches of clear width for forward movement, and a 5-foot diameter or T-shape clear space to make turns. A minimum 48 inches clear of the door swing is needed between the two doors of an entry vestibule)	 Remove inner door if there is a vestibule with two doors Move or remove obstructing partitions
Is there a 44-inch wide path to all fixtures? Width: YES INO	Remove obstructions
Stalls Is the tall door operable without grasping, turning or twisting?	Replace inaccessible knobs with levers or loop handles
	Add lever extensions

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Is there a wheelchair accessible stall with a clear area at least 56" x 63" from the door swing? Length: Width:	
☐ YES ☐ NO	 Move or remove partitions Reverse the door swing if it is safe to do so
In the accessible stall, are there grab bars on the walls behind and to the side of nearest the toilet?	
□ YES □ NO	Add grab bars
Is the toilet seat 17 to 19 high? Height:	
□ YES □ NO	Add raised seat
Lavatories Does one lavatory have a 30-inch wide by 48-inch deep clear space in front? Space:	Rearrange furnishings
	 Remove/alter cabinetry to provide space Move partition or wall
Is the lavatory rim no higher than 34 inches?	Adjust or replace lavatory
□ YES □ NO	
Can the faucet be operated without grasping, twisting, or turning?	Replace with paddle handles

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Are soap and other dispensers and hand dryers within reach ranges (maximum 40") and usable without grasping, twisting, or turning?	
☐ YES ☐ NO	 Lower dispensers Provide or add accessible dispensers
4. ADDITIONAL ACCESS - When amenities such as drinking fountains and public telephones are provided, they should be accessible to people with disabilities	
Drinking Fountains Is there at least one fountain with clear floor space at least 30 by 48 inches in front? Space: YES NO	Clear more room by rearranging or removing furnishings
Is there one fountain with a spout no higher than 36 inches from the ground? Height:	
☐ YES ☐ NO	 Provide cup dispensers for fountains with spouts that are too high Provide accessible cooler
Are controls mounted on the front or on the side near the front edge and operable without grasping, twisting, or turning?	Replace the controls

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Telephone If pay or public-use phones are provided, is there clear floor space (30 by 48 inches) in front of at least one?	
☐ YES ☐ NO	Move furnishings
Does the phone protrude no more than 4 inches into the circulation space? Protrusion:	
☐ YES ☐ NO	 Lower telephone Place a cane-detectable barrier on each side at floor level
Is the phone hearing-aid compatible?	
□ YES □ NO	Install hearing-aid compatible phone
Is the phone adapted with volume control?	
☐ YES ☐ NO	Add volume control

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5. COMMUNICATIONS	
Information in Alternative Formats Upon request, are you able to provide literature, posting information, and audio-visual materials in formats which are understandable to persons with visual, hearing, learning, and cognitive impairments?	
☐ YES ☐ NO	 Write materials at a fifth-grade reading level and use graphics Develop and keep up-to-date a resource list of services available in your area for taping, Brailling, and putting materials in large print Develop an active network with community- based organizations that serve individuals with disabilities
Auxiliary Aids Are you able to provide appropriate auxiliary aids to ensure that communications with individuals with hearing, vision, or speech impairment are as effective as communications with others? YES NO (Note that a written plan should be available so that all staff can locate, request, and obtain auxiliary aids.)	Auxiliary aids include such service or devices as: Qualified interpreters Assistive listening headsets Telecommunications devices for deaf persons (TTY) Readers Taped texts Brailled and large print materials Computer Diskette
Have you developed a budget for auxiliary aids, which could be provided without charge to participants upon request?	☐ If NO, the budget will be developed for the next fiscal year by (date)

Facility Name: _____

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7. EMERGENCY EVACUATION Locations must ensure the safety of participants with disabilities during emergencies	
<i>Evacuation Plan</i> Do you have an emergency evacuation plan that identifies the roles of key people who would assist individuals with disabilities?	
☐ YES ☐ NO	If NO, the evacuation plan will be developed and in place by (date)
Does the emergency warning system include a system of flashing lights?	
☐ YES ☐ NO	If NO, install an emergency warning system of flashing lights

For additional information, contact:

The Great Lakes American's with Disability Act (ADA) www.adagreatlakes.org 800-949-4232 Facility Name:

TRANSITION PLAN SECTION ONE - PROGRAM ACCESS SOLUTIONS

				NO				
Location where program	n occurs		Program Name	:				
Worksheet completed b	y:		Telephone #:			_ Date	:	
Description of Program Barrier	Description of the Proposed Solution	Description of Equivalent Facilitation to be Provided Until Barrier	be					
		Removal Occurs		2004	2003	2000	2007	2000
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			TOTAL					

Facility Name: _____

TRANSITION PLAN SECTION TWO - SUMMARY OF ARCHITECTURAL MODIFICATIONS

Facility Name & Address ______ Total Number of Facilities: _____

Worksheet completed by: _____ Date: _____ Telephone #: _____ Date: _____

	Description of Equivalent Cost Estir Facilitation to be	Cost Estimate	Impler	mentation Schedule				
Barrier(in order of priority)	Removal Required	Provided Until Barrier Removal Occurs		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
			TOTAL					

Facility Name:

TRANSITION PLAN SECTION THREE - CURB CUTS AND CURB RAMPS

Facility Name	&	Address	
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Total Number of Curbs Cuts/Ramps:

Worksheet completed by: _____ Date: _____ Telephone #: _____ Date: _____

Locations Where Curb Cuts and Curb Ramps are Needed (or map code number)	Cost Estimate	Implementation Schedule				
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	TOTAL					

Facility Name:

TRANSITION PLAN SECTION FOUR - UNDUE BURDEN

_____ Total Number of Facilities: _____

Worksheet completed by: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____

Description and Location of Barrier	Description Regarding the Type of Barrier Removal Required	Cost Estimate	Explanation of Undue Burden	Description of Equivalent Facilitation to be Provided in Lieu of Barrier Removal
	1	TOTAL		