

ADA Compliance Tip Sheet

Ten Common Accessibility Barriers & Solutions

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Toilet inaccessible due to objects blocking side access
Solution: Remove objects

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Grab bars are too high or at different heights
Solution: Mount each grab bar at no higher than 34-36 inches to center of grab bar depending on height of toilet

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Bathroom signage should be on the wall of the latch-side of the door, **not on the door itself**
Solution: Place signs on the latch-side of the door

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Toilets are too low
Solution: Remove and install toilet to 17-19 inches high from finished floor or install lift to equal that same height range

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Access aisles for accessible parking are **blocked** by other cars, shopping carts, trash cans, etc.
Solution: Post No Parking signs and remove carts or barriers

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Mirrors, soap, and/or paper towels are too high
Solution: Placement should be no more than 48 inches from finished floor to bottom of dispenser control or place items on sink surface

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Temporary barriers are placed in a way so as to **block access** in various areas such as plants, garbage cans, boxes, etc
Solution: Remove barriers

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Doors are too heavy
Solution: Adjust closer to 5 lbs maximum force needed to open the door

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Bathroom stalls too narrow
Solution: Remove stall wall in adjoining toilet to create a larger stall

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No clear signage in the parking area **for accessible parking**
Solution: Mount accessible parking signage on a pole in front of parking at a height of 60 inches from the ground to the bottom of the sign

For more information:

Disability and Health Program at Alabama Department of Public Health

www.alabamapublichealth.gov/disability

Center for Emergency Preparedness at Alabama Department of Public Health

www.alabamapublichealth.gov/cep

Governor's Office on Disabilities www.good.alabama.gov

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