

CHURCH ACCESSIBILITY CHECK LIST

Grounds:

Parking Lot

- Do you have a designated accessible (handicapped) parking space?
- Is there a paved area for accessible parking?
- Is the accessible parking space at least 8 feet wide?
- Do you have a curb cut/36" wide ramp to sidewalk (slope no more than 1:20)?
- Is there an adjacent access aisle for loading and unloading persons (5 feet wide for cars, 8 feet for vans)?
- Is there room for a loading zone?
- Do you have adequate lighting for night time?

Walkway

- Is the walkway paved/cement?
- Is the walkway 5 foot wide?
- Is the slope finished with a non-slip texture?
- Is there a level platform area at entrance?
- Is the walk the shortest route to the accessible entrance?

Entrance:

- If there is a ramp, is the ramp 36" wide - slope 1:12?
- Is the entry door a minimum of 36" wide?
- Is there a 5 x 5 foot level platform at the entrance?
- Is the porch level raised even with threshold?
- Are the open edges of ramp protected by a curb of at least 2 inches?

Doors

- Are the doors 36 " wide (minimum 32" wide)?
- Is the hardware large and shaped for easy grip (U handles, lever handles, door pulls)?
- Are all thresholds no more than ¾"?
- Do all doors open a full 90 degree angle?
- Do doors close easily – delayed action/ power assist door?
- Are all entryway mats or rugs less than ½ inch in thickness with flat edges?

Interior Halls

- Are halls 36" wide with a 5 feet circulation path?
- Are there handrails on any inclines?
- For steps, are there hand rails on both sides?
- Are the halls well lighted?
- Is there access to multi levels in the building?

Elevators

- Does elevator/lift connect all floor levels with accessible entrance?
- If you have an elevator, is the door a minimum 36" wide with 90 degree door opening?

- Are elevator call buttons and controls mounted no less than 40” and no more than 42” above the floor?
- Is elevator equipped with an emergency telephone?
- Are visible, tactile and Braille floor designation provided to left of control buttons?

Worship Area

- Is worship area wheelchair accessible?
- Is there a designated wheel chair accessible viewing space?
- Is there an area for those with mobility, hearing or visual challenges?
- Are hearing assistive devices available?
- Is there at least 1 large print Bible?
- Is there at least 1 large print hymnal?
- Are there large printed materials (i.e. welcoming pamphlet, newsletter, devotion book such as Upper Room)?
- Do you have any Braille materials available or know how to access them for worship and education classes?
- Is there a clearly audible sound system for those with hearing deficits?

Fellowship Hall

- Is there a wheelchair accessible entrance?
- Do you have a 27” clearance table height for wheelchair access?
- Can hearing assistance device be used at functions in the hall?

Restrooms

- Is there at least one accessible restroom?
- Is the outside door 36” wide?
- Is the toilet seat 18” high and the accessible urinal no higher than 17” above the floor?
- Is the single stall a minimum 36” or more wide?
- Does the stall door open outward allowing closure when occupied by wheelchair?
- Is stall door a minimum 32”?
- Does the stall door have spring hinge or pull bar for closure?
- Are the grab bars side and back of commode 33” – 36” high?
- Is the sink on a pedestal so wheelchairs can get up to it, mounted 30” off floor?
- Is the towel bar, soap dispensers - maximum 40” off floor ?
- Is there a 5 foot diameter minimum turning radius for wheelchair?
- Is one restroom free of perfumed or chemical air fresheners/deodorizers and scented soaps?

Signage

- What type of signs are used? Verbal, tactile (uses sense of touch), or pictorial
- Are there directional signs (restrooms, sanctuary, office, fellowship hall, accessible entrance)?
- Are all signs mounted 54” – 66” above the floor?