

WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

Handi-Ramp has been the first name in accessibility since 1958 - many years before the ADA was even enacted. Our team of customer service representatives, sales executives and production personnel are uniquely qualified to answer your questions regarding ADA compliance and specifications.

A sampling of the questions we address with our clients each day:

- Must an employer modify existing facilities to make them accessible?
- What changes must a public entity make to its existing facilities to make them accessible?
- When must structural changes be made to attain program accessibility?
- Must every feature of a new facility be accessible?
- What are the ADA requirements for altering facilities?
- How does the ADA affect existing State and local building codes?
- When must structural changes be made to attain program accessibility?
- Must alternative steps be take without regard to cost?

We invite you to take advantage of our expertise. Let's discuss the challenges you are facing with bringing your home or business into compliance with this very important piece of legislation.

Call us at 800.876.RAMP

A Primer on ADA

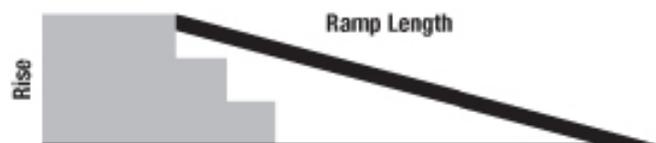
Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliance requirements only apply to buildings that are in use by the general public, such as restaurants, stores, office buildings, apartment buildings and governmental offices (including polling places).

The ADA provides handicapped individuals with the right to sue for damages in court when compliance has not been achieved.

Private residences are not required by federal law to comply with the ADA. However, if a permanent ramp is to be installed at a private residence the local building code will provide guidelines by which the ramp is to be constructed. Portable or moveable ramps are usually not governed by local building codes.

ADA and Access Ramping

SLOPE: Ramps should not exceed a 1:12 Ratio. This means that for every one inch of rise there needs to be 12 inches of ramp length.



HANDRAILS: If a ramp is addressing more than 6" of rise it must have handrails.

LENGTH: If a ramp exceeds 30 feet in length, it must have an intermediate resting platform.

CURBS: Ramps must have side curbs of 2 inches or more to prevent the wheels of a wheel chair from accidentally slipping over the edge of a ramp.

SURFACE: Ramps and platforms must have a non-slip surface and be of a design preventing the accumulation of water on the ramp surface.