

Stepping Thru Accessibility – Seminar Series

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Circulation Paths, Accessible Routes, & Path of Travel

Moving thru a facility has different requirements depending on new vs existing or public vs common space – we will review the differences between and requirements for *Circulation Paths*, *Accessible Routes*, and *Path of Travel* from the public way, thru the site, to the entry, thru the building, and to the exits

typically 5 hours for the full seminar

Doors, Gates, & Signs, AND What Makes Them Accessible

Just about every facility has a door that can either welcome us into a building or act as a hindrance — we will review door, gate, and opening requirements from clearances and specifications to operating hardware, including powered opening devices and permanent room signage

typically 5 hours for the full seminar, or 3 hours (no signs)

The Existing Building – Access Within & Without

An in-depth look for implementing ADAS on existing projects whether or not construction is actually scheduled – including alteration requirements for public facilities and places of public accommodation from *Program Accessibility to Barrier Removal*

typically 5 hours for the full seminar, 4 hours without the California overlay, or 2½ hours for just scoping

Hotels, Motels, Inns, & Restaurants AND Access

Transient lodging comes in many forms, some of which are covered under Access requirements and some not – we will review various elements found in hotels, motels, inns, and restaurants along with their scoping and technical requirements

typically 5 hours for the full seminar - this seminar can also be increased in time to incorporate more elements and can easily be customized for just specific elements

Interior Elements & Access

Different interior elements typically encountered once you step thru the door can either create or interfere with an accessible environment – we will examine a number of these items along with their requirements

typically 5 hours for the full seminar

Parking, Passenger Loading, EVCS, & Their Connection to the Site

Vehicular transportation comes in many forms whether parking, passenger drop-offs, valet service, EVCS, or transportation such as taxis, buses, or shuttles – we will review the myriad of requirements starting from the point where we are transitioning from passengers to pedestrians

typically 5 hours for the full seminar

Public Multi-Family Residential Facilities AND Access

Public multi-family residential facilities are quite complex with the differing regulations – we will explore which regulations apply along with requirements for kitchens, bathrooms, and social service center establishments

typically 5 hours for the full seminar

Toilet & Bathing Facilities – What Makes Them Accessible

Most buildings have toilet and/or bathing facilities which are some of the more complex items in Access – we will take an in-depth look at technical and scoping requirements and its impact on toilet and bathing facility design, whether single-user, multi-user, or multiple single user including the requirements for each of the individual components

typically 5 hours for the full seminar, 4 hours for abbreviated eliminating showers & bath tubs

Vertical Heights

Since the world is not flat, most buildings and facilities have some height change which can provide a challenge for Access — we will review the different methods of Access and the parameters for each

typically 5 hours for the full seminar, 4 hours (eliminating elevators & lifts)

Accessible Businesses – What Needs to be Done

A photographic overview for existing spaces of *readily achievable barrier removal* – understand what needs to be implemented even if no construction is being done

typically 2 hours for the full seminar or 1½ hours for the condensed version

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations & Access

As Electric Vehicles become more prevalent, the question comes up of what to do to make them accessible and even whether or not they are required to be accessible – we will review the new California requirements

typically 2 hours for the full seminar

Accessible Environments As We Age

An overview of design considerations which can easily be addressed now to not only allow us to age in place later but also have others visit us whether they have issues concerning accessibility or aging

typically 3 hours for the full seminar, 2½, 2 hrs (abbreviated), or 1½ (no color)

Accessibility — A Photographic Look at Recurrent Non-Complying Elements

Be on the look out for many common items in non-compliance often found in new construction and alterations and become aware of items needing special attention from design thru construction – a visual synthesis of photos with pertinent regulation call-outs for numerous installations

typically 3 hours for the full seminar, 2½, 2 or, 1½ (condensed); also available as an on-demand webinar

Signage AND What Makes It Accessible

One of the more important elements of navigating thru the built environment is signage — with this in-depth look at sign types and components, we will be better able to integrate signage into our language of architecture

typically 2½ hours for the full seminar or 2 hours for the condensed version

Signage – When Do I Use What?

One of the more important elements of navigating thru the built environment is signage and when to use what and where. We will look at signs in a scoping sense to understand their purpose to Describe, to Identify, and to Direct.

typically 2 hours for the full seminar; also available as an on-demand webinar

Exceptions & Nuances in the ADA Standards & CBC

Thru photographs, we will review areas of the ADA Standards and CBC that are small footnotes or exceptions, which can have a large impact on a project whether new or existing, as well as a quick look at items that are not delineated and what you do with them.

typically 1½ hours for the full seminar

Bathtubs, Showers, & Access

An in-depth look at requirements for tubs, showers, and bathing for both scoping and technical requirements. This will also include grab bars, seats, and accessories along with the requirements for each

typically 2 hours for the full seminar; also available as an on-demand webinar

Kitchen Design for Access & Aging – Issues, Complications, & Solutions!

Kitchens are one of the more complex spaces to meet the ADA requirements. We will cover the requirements not only for ADA but understand what is helpful for Aging-In-Place and look in depth at cabinetry, appliances, and fixtures

typically 3 hours for the full seminar; also available as an on-demand webinar