# ADA REGULATIONS

## Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Regulations for Signage

■ Required  □ Required in some states

| | Permanent Rooms | Directional/Informational | Overhead Signs |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Character Proportion (ADA 4.30.2)** | | | |
| Characters must have a width-to-height ratio between 3:5 and 1:1 | □ | ■ | ■ |
| Characters must have a stroke-to-height ratio between 1:5 and 1:10 | □ | ■ | ■ |
| **Character Height (ADA 4.30.3)** | | | |
| Characters must be sized according to the viewing distance | | ■ | |
| **Raised & Braille Characters and Pictogram (Symbol) Signs (ADA 4.30.4)** | | | |
| Tactile characters and Grade 2 Braille must be raised 1/32" | ■ | | |
| Tactile characters must be accompanied with Grade 2 Braille | ■ | | |
| Characters must upper case, san serif or simple serif | ■ | | |
| Characters must be a minimum of 5/8" high, maximum 2" high | ■ | | |
| Characters must be a minimum of 3" high | | | ■ |
| Equivalent verbal description must be placed directly below the pictogram | ■ | | |
| Pictogram can be any size within a minimum field of 6" in height | ■ | | |
| Pictogram can be raised 1/32", but not required to be raised | ■ | | |
| **Finish and Contrast (ADA 4.30.5)** | | | |
| Characters and background must have an eggshell, matte, or non-glare finish | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Characters must contrast with the background (recommended 70%) | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| **Mounting Location & Height (ADA 4.30.6)** | | | |
| Mount on the wall adjacent to the latch side of the door | ■ | | |
| Where there is no wall space, mount on the nearest adjacent wall | ■ | | |
| Mounting height of 60" from the floor to the center line of the sign | ■ | ■ | |
| Mounting location clear of protruding objects or door swing | ■ | | |
| Minimum 80" clearance between overhead sign and floor (ADA 4.4.2) | | | ■ |

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### Suggested Viewing Distance Chart

| Letter Size: | Distance Viewed From: |
|---|---|
| 5/8" | 13ft. |
| 3/4" | 14ft. |
| 1" | 20ft. |
| 1 1/2" | 45ft |
| 2" | 70ft. |
| 2 1/2" | 95ft. |
| 3" | 120ft. |

Characters must be sized according to the viewing distance.

There must be a minimum 6"x 6" area for the pictogram with no text within the area. A verbal description must go directly below the pictogram.

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