

Moving Your Business Outside?

Accessibility requirements ensure access for customers with disabilities and aid in social distancing

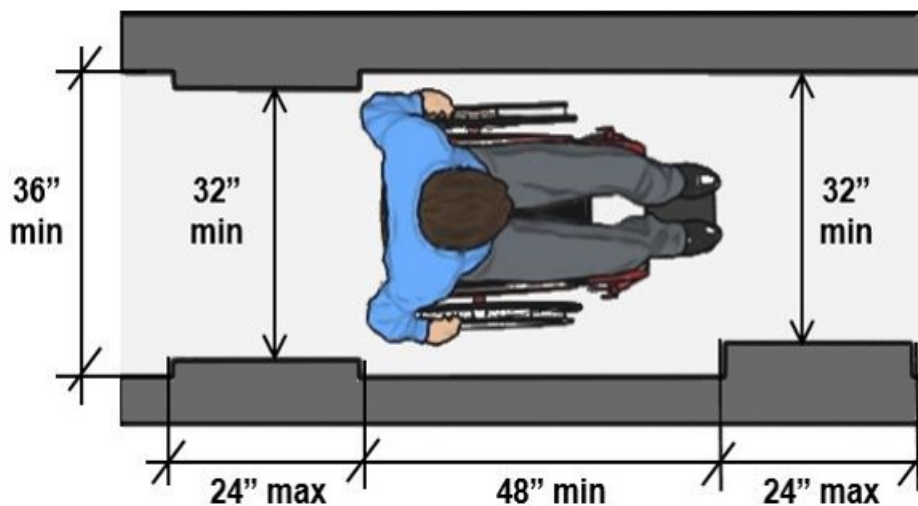
Who doesn't want a little "elbow room" right now? As you plan on moving your goods/services/ table seating outdoors, remember that the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements must be applied just as they would be indoors. The good news is that ensuring access increases your customer base and will likely aid in social distancing efforts.

Key Considerations for Outdoor Business:

Circulation paths

- Provide at least 36 inches of clearance for accessible circulation so that customers can access your goods, accessible table seating and other indoor/outdoor amenities. The minimum 36 inches of continuous clear width of accessible routes can reduce to 32 inches at pinch points (such as doorways) for a maximum distance of 24 inches.
- -Do not block sidewalk access for pedestrians circulating in front of your businesses outdoor operations. Ideally, 48 inches of clearance is provided between things such as outdoor tables, merchandise displays and the opposing curb face or features such as street furniture and landscaping. A minimum clear width of 36 inches of clearance is needed in this area for accessibility.

Image of accessible route clear width:



Hand Sanitizers

If you install items such as hand sanitizing stations for customers, make sure that they are located on an accessible route at least 36 inches wide and make sure that the dispenser controls are located between 15 inches and 48 inches above the ground. The controls cannot require any tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist to operate.



Table seating

- A minimum of 5%, or at least one table, must be accessible. For example, if you have 60 outdoor tables, at least 3 must be accessible.
- The accessible table(s) must be located on an accessible route with a minimum of 36 inches of clearance surrounding the table for maneuverability.
- Knee and toe clearance, which is space that ensures that a person using a mobility device can sit close to a tabletop regardless of the table's design, must be provided. Knee clearance must be at least 30 inches wide and 8 inches deep at 27 inches above the ground surface. Toe clearance must be at least 9 inches high, 30 inches wide and 17 inches deep. *If the table has pedestal style tables, ensure that there is at least 30 inches of clearance between the accessible table's legs.*
- The top of the accessible table must be 28 inches minimum and 34 inches maximum above the finish floor or ground.

Help Paying for it all...

To assist businesses with complying with the ADA, Section 44 of the IRS Code allows a tax credit for small businesses and Section 190 of the IRS Code allows a tax deduction for all businesses.

The tax credit is available to businesses that have total revenues of \$1,000,000 or less in the previous tax year or 30 or fewer full-time employees. This credit can cover 50% of the eligible access expenditures in a year up to \$10,250 (maximum credit of \$5000). Learn more at <http://www.ada.gov/>

Have additional questions? We're here to help!

Contact the Northeast ADA Center for free, confidential technical assistance at 800-949-4232 or northeastada@cornell.edu.

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