

# Access Alert

## New ADA 2010 Standards Tip #6

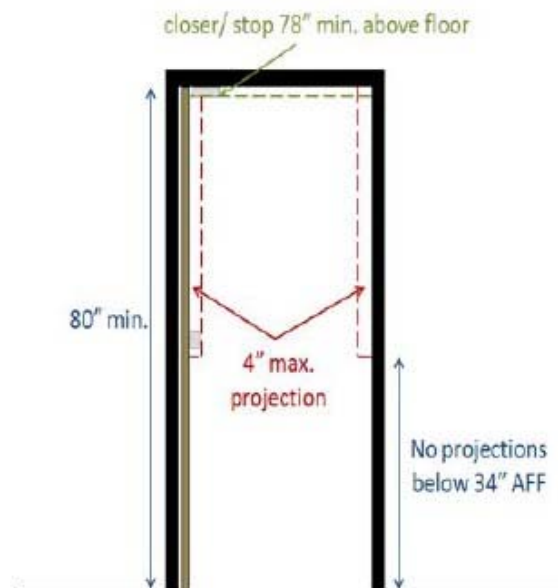
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### Accessible Doors

The 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design provide important clarification and new requirements for accessible doors.

#### 1. Clear Width

Section 404.2.3 clarifies what may project into the required minimum 32" clear width of a door: *"Projections into the clear opening width between 34 inches and 80 inches above the finish floor or ground shall not exceed 4 inches."* This can include door hardware. No projections are allowed below 34" AFF.



#### 2. Power Doors. Maneuvering Space

The 1991 ADA Standards exempted automatic or power assisted doors from providing clear maneuvering space. (4.13.6) The 2010 ADA Standards (404.3.2) require power assisted doors to provide compliant maneuvering space except:

- If they have stand-by power; and
- Do not serve as an accessible means of egress;
- Or where they remain open in the power-off condition.



Click here to view the [webinar PowerPoint presentation](#) used by the US Access Board describing the new requirements for accessible doors in the 2010 ADA Standards.

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