

Access Alert

The "New" ADAAG: Are you Ready?

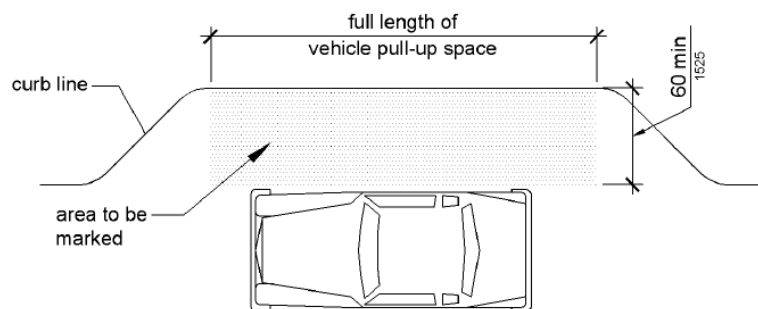
In 2004 the federal Access Board issued an extensively revised ADAAG that has been adopted as their design and construction standard by the US Dept of Transportation, US Department of Defense, General Services Administration and US Postal Service. The US Dept. of Justice is expected to act before the end of 2009. Below, is the first in a series of Access Alerts that will focus on helping you understand some of the changes:

New ADAAG Tip #1: Accessible Drop-off Areas

1991 ADAAG 4.6.6 requires an accessible drop-off to have an access aisle at least 60" wide adjacent and parallel to the vehicle pull-up space. It allows a curb between the access aisle and vehicle pull-up space if a curb ramp is provided.

2004 ADAAG 503.4 retains the same 5' x 20' minimum dimension of the access aisle, but requires the access aisle to be at the same level as the vehicle pull-up space it serves. Changes in level are not permitted. In addition, the access aisle must be marked/striped to discourage people from parking in it. An accessible drop-off will be required for every 100' of continuous loading zone. Therefore airport terminals, for example, may require more than one accessible drop off.

New ADAAG: Access Aisle



If you are working on a project covered under the US DoJ's regulations, KMA recommends that you only follow the new ADAAG where it is more stringent than the current standard.

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