

Access Alert

The "New" ADAAG: Are you Ready? #2

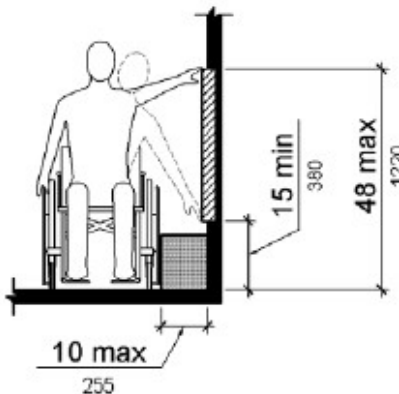
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In 2004 the federal Access Board issued an extensively revised ADAAG that has been adopted as the design and construction standard by the US Dept. of Transportation, US Dept. of Defense, General Services Administration, and US Postal Service. The US Dept. of Justice is expected to adopt these standards for commercial, educational, institutional, and recreational facilities sometime in 2010 (although there is no date certain). Below, is the second in a series of Access Alerts that focus on helping you understand some of the changes in ADAAG 2004.

New ADAAG Tip #2: Side Reach Range

1994 ADAAG 4.6.6 allowed a maximum high side reach of 54" AFF (46" AFF over an obstruction)

2004 ADAAG 503.4 lowers the maximum high side reach to 48" AFF. 46" AFF is maintained as the height limit over an obstruction. The maximum height of an obstruction is 34" and 24" is the maximum reach depth.



This requirement will be more stringent than the MAAB's current allowance of 54" AFF. If you are working on a project covered under the US DoJ's regulations, KMA recommends that you follow the new ADAAG only where it is more stringent than the current standard.

In response to many requests, we are planning to print one more edition of the current At-A-Glance Guide that compares 521 CMR with the requirements of ADAAG (1994) and the FHA. If you would like a copy, please [let us know](#) ASAP so that we are sure to print enough.