

Useful Information

The following sites contain the ADA Standards and other information:

- ADA Standards (1991 & 2010)
www.access-board.gov/ada/
- Readily Achievable Barrier Removal & Van Accessible Parking Spaces(1996)
www.ada.gov/adata1.pdf
- ADA Update: Primer for Small Business
www.ada.gov/regs2010/smallbusiness/smallbusprimer2010.htm
- Checklist based on the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
www.adachecklist.org/
- Checklist based on the 1991 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
www.ada.gov/racheck.pdf
- Maryland Accessibility Code
www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/SubtitleSearch.aspx?search=05.02.02

Note: Some of the references refer to the 1991 ADA Standards.

Resources

United States Access Board
202-272-0080: Voice
www.access-board.gov

U.S. Department of Labor
866-633-7365: Voice
www.Disability.Gov

U.S. Department of Justice
Disability Rights Section
800-514-0301 (voice)
www.ada.gov

Mid-Atlantic ADA Center
800-949-4232 (voice/TTY)
www.adainfo.org



Anne Arundel County
Department of Aging and Disabilities
2666 Riva Road, Suite 400
Annapolis, MD 21401
410-222-4383: Voice
Maryland Relay 7-1-1
410-222-4360: Fax
410-222-4626: DIAL
<http://www.aacounty.org/Aging/index.cfm>

Parking Accessibility



This pamphlet was prepared by the Commission on Disability Issues to educate businesses on the new ADA requirements. This specifically addresses accessible parking requirements for new and renovated businesses. The ADA 2010 Standards have many other requirements.

Businesses that provide goods and services to the public are called “public accommodations” in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and must remove architectural barriers in existing buildings and assure that newly built or altered facilities are constructed to be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

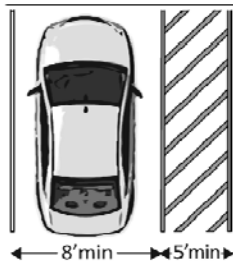
If a facility was built or altered in compliance with the 1991 Standards prior to March 2012, no further modifications are required. Future modification or alteration must meet the 2010 Standards. Parking lot re-striping is considered an alteration and thus it must meet the ratio of van accessible spaces or one van accessible space per four handicapped spaces and correct standard space ratio.

The ADA requires that businesses remove architectural barriers in existing facilities when it is “readily achievable” to do so. Readily achievable means “easily accomplished without much difficulty or expense.” This may include providing an accessible route from a parking lot to the building’s entrance, re-striping handicapped parking spaces and/or installing an entrance ramp.

Parking

Parking must meet the ADA Standards:

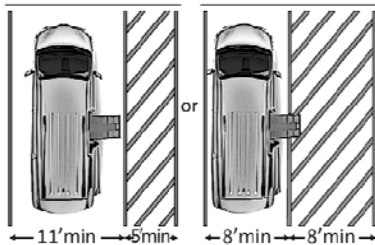
- For parking lots with less than 100 spaces, it must have one handicapped space per 25 parking spaces, rounded up to the next whole space.
- Handicapped spaces for cars must be a minimum of eight feet in width.
- Access aisles must be five feet wide and marked to discourage parking.



Standard Handicapped Space

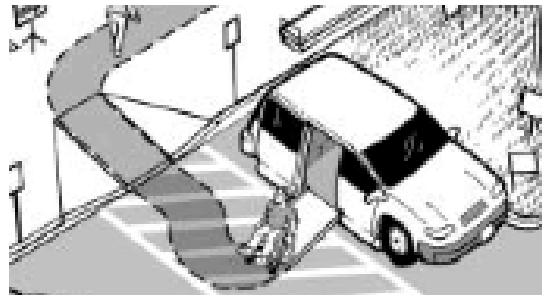
One in four handicapped spaces must be van accessible by Maryland Code.

Van accessible spaces must be a minimum of eleven feet in width.

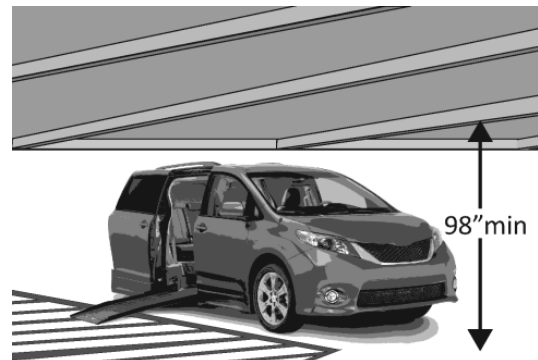


Handicapped Van Spaces

The 1991 Standards allowed van accessible spaces to be eight feet in width with an eight foot wide access aisle.



- The slope of handicapped spaces and the access aisle shall not exceed 2%.
- Parking spaces for vans and their access aisle and vehicular routes serving them shall have a minimum vertical clearance of 98 inches.



Parking spaces shall have signage with the International Symbol of Accessibility and van spaces shall have a plate stating "Van Accessible."



The handicap space should be nearest to the entrance as possible based on layout, grading and slope of the access route. If there is more than one accessible entrance, the spaces may be divided up.

If a passenger loading zone is provided it must:

- Be a minimum of eight feet wide and twenty feet long,
- Have an access aisle the full length of the vehicle pull-up space, five feet wide and marked to discourage parking in it,
- Have a slope of less than 2% in all directions, and
- Have a vertical clearance of 9.5 feet.