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Enforcing the ADA

A Status Report from the Department of Justice

(April-June 1999)

*This Status Report covers the ADA activities of the Department of Justice during the second quarter (April - June) of 1999. This report, previous status reports, and a wide range of other ADA information are available through the Department's ADA Home Page on the World Wide Web (see page 16). The symbol (**) indicates that the document is available on the ADA Home Page.*

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ADA INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The U.S. Department of Justice answers questions about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and provides free publications by mail and fax through its ADA Information Line.

ADA Information Line 800-514-0301 (Voice) 800-514-0383 (TDD)



ADA Specialists

For general ADA information and answers to technical questions, call the ADA Information Line on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. or on Thursday from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).



Publications by Mail

All publications listed below are available in standard print as well as large print, audiotape, Braille, or computer disk for people with disabilities. Call the ADA Information Line 24-hours a day to order through the automated system.



Publications by Fax

The following publications marked "Fax" with a number can be ordered through the automated fax system. To order, call the ADA Information Line 24-hours a day and use the fax document code number listed to the left of each available publication.



Publications by Internet or Bulletin Board

All the publications listed below are also available through the Internet at <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm>. In addition, they may be obtained electronically through the Department's ADA Bulletin Board System (ADA-BBS) at 202-514-6193.

ADA LEGAL DOCUMENTS

Public Law 101-336

Text of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as enacted on July 26, 1990.

ADA Regulation for Title II, as printed in the Federal Register (7/26/91)

The Department of Justice's regulation implementing title II, subtitle A, of the ADA which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the services, programs, and activities provided by state and local governments.

ADA Regulation for Title III, as printed in the Code of Federal Regulations (7/1/94)

The Department of Justice's regulation implementing title III of the ADA which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by businesses and non-profit service agencies.

Title II & III Regulation Amendment Regarding Detectable Warnings, (Federal Register 11/23/98)



This document suspends the requirements for detectable warnings at curb ramps, hazardous vehicular areas, and reflecting pools until July 26, 2001.

GENERAL ADA PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION

ADA Questions and Answers (Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, and Vietnamese editions available by mail)



A 32-page booklet giving an overview of the ADA's requirements affecting employers, businesses, non-profit service agencies, state and local governments, and agencies that provide public transportation or telephone services.

ADA Information Services

- 3101**
Fax A 2-page list with the telephone numbers and Internet and electronic bulletin board addresses of federal agencies and other organizations that provide information and technical assistance to the public about the ADA.

Enforcing the ADA: A Status Report from the Department of Justice

- 3102**
Fax A quarterly report providing timely information about ADA cases and settlements, building codes that meet ADA accessibility standards, and ADA technical assistance activities. The most current issue of the Status Report is available by Fax.

A Guide to Disability Rights Laws (Spanish edition available by mail)

- 3103**
Fax A 14-page booklet providing a brief description of the ADA, the Fair Housing Act, Air Carrier Access Act, Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, Individuals with Disabilities Act, Rehabilitation Act, Architectural Barriers Act, and the federal agencies to contact for more information.

Learn About the ADA in Your Local Library

- 3104**
Fax A 10-page annotated list of 95 ADA publications and one videotape that are available in 15,000 public libraries throughout the country.

Myths and Facts (Spanish edition available by mail)

- 3105**
Fax A 3-page publication dispelling some common misconceptions about the ADA's requirements and implementation.

Department of Justice ADA Mediation Program

- 3107**
Fax A 8-page publication describing the Department's ADA mediation program including locations of ADA mediators, and examples of successful mediation efforts.

BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFIT SERVICE AGENCIES: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PUBLICATIONS

Title III Technical Assistance Manual (1993) and Supplements (Spanish edition available by mail)

An 83-page manual explaining what businesses and non-profit service agencies must do to ensure access to their goods, services, and facilities. Gives practical examples.

Title III Highlights (Spanish edition available by mail)

- 3200**
Fax A 12-page outline of the key requirements of the ADA for businesses and non-profit service agencies.

Accessible Stadiums

- 3201**
Fax A 4-page publication highlighting features that must be accessible in new stadiums including line of sight for wheelchair seating locations.

ADA Guide for Small Businesses (Spanish edition available by mail)

- 3202**
Fax A 15-page booklet for businesses that provide goods and services to the public. This publication explains basic ADA requirements, illustrates ways to make facilities accessible, and provides information about tax credits and deductions.

ADA Tax Incentive Packet for Businesses

- 3203**
Fax An 11-page packet of information to help businesses understand and take advantage of the tax credit and deduction available for complying with the ADA.

ADA-TA: A Technical Assistance Update from the Department of Justice

3250
Fax

A serial publication that answers "Common Questions" about ADA requirements and provides "Design Details" illustrating particular design requirements. The first edition addresses "Readily Achievable Barrier Removal" and "Van Accessible Parking Spaces."

Commonly Asked Questions About Service Animals in Places of Business

3204
Fax

(Spanish edition available by mail)
A 3-page publication providing information about service animals and ADA requirements.

How to File a Title III Complaint

3205
Fax

This publication details the procedure for filing a complaint under title III of the ADA.

Questions and Answers: the ADA and Persons with HIV/AIDS (Spanish edition available by mail)

3206
Fax

A 16-page publication explaining the requirements for employers, businesses and non-profit agencies that serve the public, and state and local governments to avoid discriminating against persons with HIV/AIDS.

Common ADA Errors and Omissions in New Construction and Alterations

3207
Fax

This 13-page document lists a sampling of common accessibility errors or omissions that have been identified through the Department of Justice's ongoing enforcement efforts. The significance of the errors is discussed and references are provided to the requirements of the ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

ADA Design Guide 1 - Restriping Parking Lots

3208
Fax

A 2-page illustrated design guide explaining the number of accessible parking spaces that are required and the restriping requirements for accessible parking spaces for cars and van-accessible parking spaces.

Commonly Asked Questions About Child Care Centers and the Americans with Disabilities Act

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A 13-page publication explaining how the requirements of the ADA apply to Child Care Centers. The document also describes some of the Department of Justice's ongoing enforcement efforts in the child care area and it provides a resource list on sources of information on the ADA.

Assistance at Self-Serve Gas Stations

3210
Fax

A 1-page document providing guidance on the ADA and refueling assistance for customers with disabilities at self-serve gas stations.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MANUALS AND PUBLICATIONS

Title II Technical Assistance Manual (1993) and Supplements (Spanish edition available by mail)

A 30-page manual explaining what state and local governments must do to ensure that their services, programs, and activities are provided to the public in a non-discriminatory manner. Gives practical examples.

Title II Highlights (Spanish edition available by mail)

3300
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An 8-page outline of the key requirements of the ADA for state and local governments.

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Commonly Asked Questions About the ADA and Law Enforcement

3301
Fax

A 13-page publication explaining ADA requirements for ensuring that people with disabilities receive the same law enforcement services and protections as provided to others.

Questions and Answers: The ADA and Hiring Police Officers

3302
Fax

A 5-page publication providing information on ADA requirements for interviewing and hiring police officers.

Commonly Asked Questions About Title II of the ADA (Spanish edition available by mail)

3303
Fax

A 6-page publication providing information for state and local governments about ADA requirements for ensuring that people with disabilities receive the same services and benefits as provided to others.

Access for 9-1-1 and Telephone Emergency Services

3304
Fax

A 10-page publication explaining the requirements for direct, equal access to 9-1-1 for persons who use teletypewriters (TTYs).

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Title II Complaint Form

3306
Fax

Standard form for filing a complaint under title II of the ADA or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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