

# 2021 Virginia Construction Code

## CHAPTER 11 ACCESSIBILITY

### SECTION 1112 SIGNAGE

#### 1112.1 Signs.

Required accessible elements shall be identified by the International Symbol of Accessibility at the following locations.

1. Accessible parking spaces required by [Section 1106.2](#).
2. Accessible parking spaces required by [Section 1106.3](#).  
**Exception:** In Group I-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4 facilities, where parking spaces are assigned to specific *dwelling units* or *sleeping units*, identification of accessible parking spaces is not required.
3. Accessible passenger loading zones.
4. Accessible toilet or bathing rooms where not all toilet or bathing rooms are accessible.
5. Accessible entrances where not all entrances are accessible.
6. Accessible check-out aisles where not all aisles are accessible. The sign, where provided, shall be above the check-out aisle in the same location as the checkout aisle number or type of check-out identification.
7. Accessible dressing, fitting and locker rooms where not all such rooms are accessible.
8. Accessible areas of refuge in accordance with [Section 1009.9](#).
9. Exterior areas for assisted rescue in accordance with [Section 1009.9](#).
10. In recreational facilities, lockers that are required to be accessible in accordance with [Section 1110.10](#).

#### 1112.2 Signs identifying toilet or bathing rooms.

Signs required in [Section 403.4](#) of the *International Plumbing Code* identifying toilet rooms and bathing rooms shall be visual characters, raised characters and braille complying with [ICC A117.1](#). Where pictograms are provided as designations for toilet rooms and bathing rooms, the pictograms shall have visual characters, raised characters and braille complying with [ICC A117.1](#).

#### 1112.3 Directional signage.

Directional signage indicating the route to the nearest like accessible element shall be provided at the following locations. These directional signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility and sign characters shall meet the visual character requirements in accordance with [ICC A117.1](#).

1. Inaccessible building entrances.
2. Inaccessible public toilets and bathing facilities.
3. Elevators not serving an accessible route.
4. At each separate-sex toilet and bathing room indicating the location of the nearest family/assisted use toilet or bathing room where provided in accordance with [Section 1110.2.1](#).
5. At exits and exit stairways serving a required accessible space, but not providing an approved accessible means of egress, signage shall be provided in accordance with [Section 1009.10](#).
6. Where drinking fountains for persons using wheelchairs and drinking fountains for standing persons are not located adjacent to each other, directional signage shall be provided indicating the location of the other drinking fountains.

#### 1112.4 Other signs.

Signage indicating special accessibility provisions shall be provided as shown.

1. Each assembly area required to comply with [Section 1109.2.7](#) shall provide a sign notifying patrons of the availability of assistive listening systems. The sign shall comply with [ICC A117.1](#) requirements for visual characters and include the International Symbol of Access for Hearing Loss.  
**Exception:** Where ticket offices or windows are provided, signs are not required at each assembly area provided that signs are displayed at each ticket office or window informing patrons of the availability of assistive listening systems.
2. At each door to an area of refuge providing direct access to a stairway, exterior area for assisted rescue, exit stairway, exit passageway or exit discharge, signage shall be provided in accordance with [Section 1013.4](#).
3. At areas of refuge, signage shall be provided in accordance with [Section 1009.11](#).
4. At exterior areas for assisted rescue, signage shall be provided in accordance with [Section 1009.11](#).
5. At two-way communication systems, signage shall be provided in accordance with [Section 1009.8.2](#).

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6. In *interior exit stairways* and *ramps*, floor level signage shall be provided in accordance with [Section 1023.9](#).
7. Signs identifying the type of access provided on amusement rides required to be *accessible* by [Section 1111.4.8](#) shall be provided at entries to queues and waiting lines. In addition, where accessible unload areas also serve as accessible load areas, signs indicating the location of the accessible load and unload areas shall be provided at entries to queues and waiting lines. These directional sign characters shall meet the visual character requirements in accordance with [ICC A117.1](#).

#### **1112.5 Variable message signs.**

Where provided in the locations in [Sections 1112.5.1](#) and [1112.5.2](#), variable message signs shall comply with the variable message sign requirements of [ICC A117.1](#).

##### **1112.5.1 Transportation facilities.**

Where provided in transportation facilities, variable message signs conveying transportation-related information shall comply with [Section 1112.5](#).

##### **1112.5.2 Emergency shelters.**

Where provided in buildings that are designated as emergency shelters, variable message signs conveying emergency-related information shall comply with [Section 1112.5](#).

**Exception:** Where equivalent information is provided in an audible manner, variable message signs are not required to comply with [ICC A117.1](#).