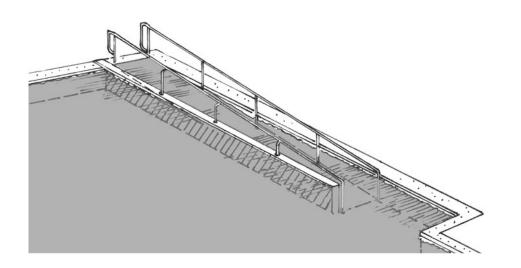
# **ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities**

# Swimming Pools, Wading Pools & Spas



Building

Location

Date

Surveyors

Contact Information

Swimming pools, wading pools and spas should be accessible to everyone, including people with disabilities.



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Swi	mming Pools, Wading Poo	ols & Spas		Comments	Possible Solutions
Swir	nming Pools, Wading Pools & S	pas (2010 Standard	s – 242 & 1009)		
P1	Is there an accessible route to the entrance of the facility containing a swimming pool, wading pool and spa?  Use the checklist for <i>Priority 1: Approach &amp; Entrance</i> .	□Yes □No	36"min	Photo #:	<ul> <li>Regrade to 1:20 maximum slope</li> <li>Install a ramp</li> <li>Install a platform lift or limited –use/limited access elevator</li> </ul>
P2	Is there an accessible route from the facility entrance to the swimming pool, wading pool and/or spa?  Use the checklist for <i>Priority 2: Access to Goods &amp; Services</i> .	□Yes □No	36"min	Photo #:	<ul> <li>Regrade to 1:20 maximum slope</li> <li>Install a ramp</li> <li>Install a platform lift or limited –use/limited access elevator</li> </ul>
P3	If there is a swimming pool with 300 or more linear feet of pool wall:  Does it have a sloped entry or lift?  Is there a second means of entry that is a transfer wall,	□Yes □No			<ul> <li>Add a sloped entry</li> <li>Install a lift</li> <li>Add a second means of entry</li> </ul>
	transfer system, sloped entry, lift or stairs?			Photo #:	
P4	If there is a swimming pool with less than 300 linear feet of pool wall, does it have a sloped entry or lift?	□Yes □No			<ul><li>Add a sloped entry</li><li>Install a lift</li></ul>
				Photo #:	

P5	If there is a wave action pool, leisure river, sand bottom pool, or other pool where user access is limited to one area, does it have a pool lift, sloped entry or transfer system?	□Yes □No	Photo #:	<ul> <li>Install a pool lift</li> <li>Add a sloped entry</li> <li>Install a transfer system</li> </ul>
P6	If there is a wading pool, does it have a sloped entry?	□Yes □No	FIIOLO #.	• Add a sloped entry •
			Photo #:	
P7	If there is a spa, does it have a pool lift, transfer wall or transfer system?	□Yes □No		<ul><li>Install a pool lift</li><li>•</li></ul>
			Photo #:	
P8	If there is a catch pool does it have an accessible route to the edge of the pool?  Note: A catch pool has water slide flumes that drop users into the water. They are not required to provide an accessible means of entry or exit.	□Yes □No	Photo #:	Regrade to 1:20     maximum slope     Install a ramp     Install a platform lift or limited –use/limited access elevator
P9	POOL LIFT			Relocate lift
	If a pool lift is provided:  Is it located where the water level is no greater than 48 inches?	Yes No		•
	Note: If the entire pool depth is			

	greater than 48 inches, the pool lift may be located at any water depth.			Photo #:	
P10	Is there a clear deck space on the side of the seat opposite the water that is at least 36 inches wide and at least 48 inches long extending from 12 inches behind the rear of the seat?	Yes No Measurement:	12" from back edge of seat	Photo #:	• Add clear space •
P11	Is the slope of the clear deck space no greater than 1:48?	Yes No Measurement:			Regrade to 1:48     maximum slope
P12	Does the height of the lift seat allow a stop at no less than 16 inches and no greater than 19 inches measured from the deck to the top of the seat surface when in the raised (load) position?	Yes No Measurement:	16"-19" 12" from back edge of seat height above pool 36"min	Photo #: Photo #:	• Change seat height •
P13	Is the lift seat at least 16 inches wide?	Yes No Measurement:		Photo #:	Alter seating

P14	Does the seat submerge to a water depth of at least 18 inches below the stationary water level?	Yes No Measurement:	18"min to water level	Photo #:	<ul><li>Change submersion depth</li><li></li></ul>
P15	Is the centerline of the seat located over the deck and at least 16 inches from the edge of the pool?	Yes No Measurement:			Relocate seat
P16	Does the deck surface between the centerline of the seat and the pool edge have a slope no greater than 1:48?	Yes No Measurement:		Photo #: Photo #:	Regrade to 1:48     maximum slope
P17	Is there a footrest that moves with the seat?  Note: Footrests are not required on pool lifts provided in spas.	□Yes □No		Photo #:	Add a footrest
P18	If there is an armrest, is it removable or does it fold clear of the seat when the seat is in the raised (load) position?	□Yes □No		Photo #:	<ul><li>Add removable armrest</li><li>Add folding armrest</li></ul>
P19	Can the person using the lift do so without assistance and call the lift when it is in the deck and the water positions?	□Yes □No		Photo #:	Alter lift

P20	Are the controls and operating mechanisms unobstructed when the lift is in use?	□Yes □No	Photo #:	<ul> <li>Remove obstructions</li> <li>Relocate controls and/or operating mechanisms</li> </ul>
P21	Are the controls and operating mechanisms operable with one hand and without tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist?	□Yes □No		<ul> <li>Adjust controls and/or operating mechanisms</li> <li>Replace controls and/or operating mechanisms</li> </ul>
	Do they require no more than 5 pounds of pressure to operate?	Yes No Measurement:	Photo #:	
P22	Does the lift have a weight capacity of at least 300 pounds and capable of sustaining a static load of at least one and a half times the rated load?	Yes No  Max weight:	Photo #:	Replace lift
P23	SLOPED ENTRY  If a sloped entry is provided:  Is the width at least 36 inches?	□Yes □No	Photo #:	• Widen entry •
P24	Is the surface stable and firm?  Note: Sloped entry surfaces are not required to be slip resistant.	□Yes □No	Photo #:	<ul><li>Resurface sloped entry surface</li><li>•</li></ul>

P25	Does the sloped entry extend to a depth at least 24 inches and no greater than 30 inches below the stationary water level?  Or  If this is a wading pool, does the sloped entry and landings, if provided, extend to the deepest part of the pool?	Yes No  Measurement:  Yes No  Measurement:	24"-30"	Photo#:	• Lengthen sloped entry •
P26	Is the running slope no greater than 1:12?	Yes No Measurement:	slope 1:12max submerged landing	Photo #:	Regrade to 1:12 maximum slope
P27	If the running slope is steeper than 1:20 are there level landings at the top and bottom of the sloped entry that are at least 60 inches long and as wide as the sloped entry?	Yes No Measurement:	submerged landing 60"min	Photo #:	Add landings
P28	If the running slope is steeper than 1:20 and the sloped entry is more than 30 feet long, are there level landings at least 60 inches long and as wide as the sloped entry at intervals no less than 30 feet?	Yes No Measurement:		Photo #:	• Add landings •

P29	Is the cross slope no greater than 1:48?	Yes No Measurement:			<ul> <li>Regrade to 1:48 maximum slope</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
P30	Are there handrails on both sides of the sloped entry?  Note: If this is a wading pool, handrails are not required. If handrails are provided the 2010 Standards specifications for handrails do not apply.	□Yes □No		Photo #: Photo #:	Add handrails
P31	Do the handrails extend at least 12 inches beyond the top of the sloped entry?  Note: Handrail extensions are not required at the bottom landing.	Yes No Measurement:	12"	Photo #:	<ul> <li>Add extensions</li> <li>Reconfigure handrails</li> </ul>
P32	Is the width between handrails at least 33 inches and no greater than 38 inches?  Note: If this is a wave action pool, leisure river, sand bottom pool, or other pool where user access is limited to one area, the width between handrails is not specified.	Yes No Measurement:	33"-38"	Photo #:	Relocate handrails

P33	Is the top of the handrail gripping surface no less than 34 inches and no greater than 38 inches above the sloped entry surface?  Note: Handrails are not required below the stationary water level.	Yes No	34"-38"	Photo #:	Change handrail height
P34	If the handrail gripping surface is:  Circular, is the diameter no less than 1 ¼ inches and no greater than 2 inches?  Or  Non-circular, is the perimeter no less than 4 inches and no greater than 6 ¼ inches and the cross section no more than 2¼ inches?	☐ Yes ☐ No Measurement: ☐ Yes ☐ No Measurement:	Or 24"-6 ¼" perimeter	Photo #:	Replace handrail
P35	TRANSFER WALL  If a transfer wall is provided:  Is there a clear deck space at the base of the transfer wall that is at least 60 inches wide and at least 60 inches long?	☐Yes ☐No Measurement:	60"min 60"min		• Add clear space •

	Note: A transfer wall allows a person to leave a mobility device, such as a wheelchair, transfer onto the wall and into the pool or spa.		Photo #:	
P36	Is the slope of the clear deck space no greater than 1:48?	Yes No Measurement:	Photo #:	<ul><li>Regrade to 1:48 maximum slope</li><li>•</li></ul>
P37	Is there at least one grab bar?	□Yes □No	Photo #:	<ul><li>Add grab bar(s)</li><li></li></ul>
P38	Is/are the grab bar(s) perpendicular to the pool wall?	□Yes □No	Photo #:	<ul><li>Relocate grab bar(s)</li><li></li></ul>
P39	Does/do the grab bar(s) extend the full depth of the transfer wall?	□Yes □No	Photo #:	<ul><li>Add extensions</li><li>Reconfigure grab bar(s)</li></ul>
P40	Is the top of the grab bar(s) gripping surface at least 4 inches and no greater than 6 inches above the transfer wall?	Yes No Measurement:	Photo #:	<ul><li>Change grab bar height</li><li></li></ul>

P41	If the grab bar(s) gripping surface is: Circular, the diameter no less than 1 ¼ inches and no greater than 2 inches?	Yes No Measurement:	•1%-2*•		<ul><li>Replace grab bar(s)</li><li>•</li></ul>
	Or Non-circular, is it no less than 4 inches and no greater than 4.8 inches in perimeter and no more than 2 inches in cross section?	Yes No Measurement:		Photo #:	
P42	Is the space between the grab	□ <sub>Yes</sub> □ <sub>No</sub>			Relocate objects
	bar(s) and projecting objects above at least 12 inches?				•
		Measurement:			
				Photo #:	
P43	Can the grab bar(s) support at least 250 pounds at any point	□Yes □No			• Replace grab bar(s)
	on the grab bar(s), fastener, mounting device, or supporting	Max weight:			•
	structure?			Photo #:	
P44	If there is one grab bar:				Relocate grab bar(s)
	Is the clear deck space centered on the grab bar?	□Yes □No	24"min		Reconfigure space
	Is there at least 24 inches of clearance on both sides?	Yes No	60"min 60"min		
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P45	If there are two grab bars:  Is the clear deck space centered on the clearance between the grab bars?  Is there at least 24 inches of clearance between the grab bars?	Yes No  Yes No  Measurement:	60"min 60"min	Photo #:	<ul> <li>Relocate grab bar(s)</li> <li>Reconfigure space</li> </ul>
P46	Is the transfer wall:  No less than 16 inches and no greater than 19 inches in height, measured from the deck?  No less than 12 inches and no greater than 16 inches in depth?  No less than 60 inches in length?	Yes No Measurement:  Yes No Measurement:  Yes No Measurement:	12"-16" 16"-19" 60"min	Photo #:	<ul> <li>Change wall height</li> <li>Change wall depth</li> <li>Lengthen wall</li> </ul>
P47	Is the length of the transfer wall centered on the clear deck space?	□Yes □No		Photo #:	<ul><li>Relocate wall</li><li>Reconfigure clear deck space</li></ul>
P48	Is the surface of the transfer wall smooth with rounded edges?	□Yes □No		Photo #:	Resurface wall

P49	TRANSFER SYSTEM				Install platform
	If a transfer system is provided:				•
	Is there a transfer platform at the head of each system?	Yes No			
	Is the transfer platform at least 19 inches deep and at least 24 inches wide?	Yes No Measurement:	24"min		
	Note: A transfer system has a platform and steps. Users transfer onto the platform from their wheelchair or other mobility device and bump in (and then out) of the pool on				
	the steps.			Photo #:	
P50	Is the transfer platform no less than 16 inches and no greater than 19 inches in height, measured from the deck?	Yes No Measurement:	16"-19"	Photo #:	<ul><li>Change platform height</li><li></li></ul>
P51	Is there a transfer space at least 60 inches wide and at least 60 inches long at the base of the transfer platform?	Yes No Measurement:	60"min 60"min		Add transfer space     Reconfigure space
				Photo #:	

P52	Is the slope of the transfer space no greater than 1:48?	Yes No Measurement:		Dh she #i	Regrade to 1:48     maximum slope
P53	Is the transfer space centered along a side of the transfer platform at least 24 inches long?	Yes No Measurement:		Photo #: Photo #:	Relocate space     Relocate platform
P54	Is the side of the transfer platform serving the transfer space unobstructed?	□Yes □No			Remove obstructions     Relocate platform
				Photo #:	
P55	Are transfer steps no greater than 8 inches in height?	Yes No Measurement:	8"max step	Photo #:	• Change step height •
P56	Are transfer step treads:  At least 14 inches and no greater than 17 inches deep?  At least 24 inches wide?	Yes No Measurement:  Yes No Measurement:	tread depth 14"-17" max		Change tread depth     Change tread width
				Photo #:	

P57	Does the surface of the bottom tread of transfer steps extend to a water depth of at least 18 inches below the stationary water level?	Yes No Measurement:	18"min	Photo #:	<ul><li>Alter steps</li><li></li></ul>
P58	Is the surface of the transfer system smooth with rounded edges?	□Yes □No		Photo #:	Resurface transfer system
P59	Is there at least one grab bar on each transfer step and the transfer platform?  Or  Is there a continuous grab bar serving each transfer step and the transfer platform?	□Yes □No		Photo #:	Add grab bar (s)
P60	Is there a grab bar on at least one side of the transfer system?	□Yes □No		Photo #:	Add grab bar(s)      Output
P61	If there is a grab bar on each step, are the tops of the gripping surfaces at least 4 inches and no greater than 6 inches above each step and transfer platform?	Yes No Measurement:		Photo #:	Change grab bar height

P62	If there is a continuous grab bar, is the top of the gripping surface at least 4 inches and no greater than 6 inches above the step nosing and transfer platform?	Yes No Measurement:	4"-6"	Photo #:	<ul> <li>Change grab bar height</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
P63	If the grab bar(s) gripping surface is:  Circular, is it no less than 1 ¼ inches and no greater than 2 inches in diameter?  Or  Non-circular, is the cross section no greater than 2 inches and the perimeter no less than 4 inches and no greater than 4.8 inches?	☐ Yes ☐ No  Measurement:  ☐ Yes ☐ No  Measurement:	11/4-27	Photo #:	Replace grab bar(s)
P64	Is the space between the grab bar(s) and projecting objects above at least 12 inches?	Yes No Measurement:		Photo #:	Relocate objects
P65	Can the grab bar(s) support at least 250 pounds at any point on the grab bar(s), fastener, mounting device, or supporting structure?	Yes No Max weight:		Photo #:	Replace grab bar(s)
P66	ACCESSIBLE POOL STEPS  If accessible pool steps are provided:				Add handrails

	Are there handrails on both sides of the steps?  Note: Accessible pool steps assist with balance and support when moving from the pool	□Yes □No			
	deck and into and out of the water from a standing position.			Photo #:	
P67	Is the width between the handrails at least 20 inches and no greater than 24 inches?	Yes No Measurement:	20"-24"	Photo #:	<ul><li>Relocate handrails</li><li></li></ul>
P68	Is the top of the handrail gripping surface no less than 34 inches and no greater than 38 inches above the pool entry surface?	Yes No Measurement:	20"-24"	Photo #:	Change handrail height
P69	If the handrail gripping surface is:  Circular, is the diameter no less than 1 ¼ inches and no greater than 2 inches?  Or  Non-circular, is the perimeter no less than 4 inches and no greater than 6 ¼ inches and the cross section no more than 2 ¼	☐Yes ☐No Measurement: ☐Yes ☐No Measurement:	Or		Replace handrail

	inches?		4"-6 ½" perimeter	Photo #:	
P70	Do the handrails extend at least 12 inches horizontally beginning above the first riser nosing?  Note: Extensions at the bottom are not required	Yes No Measurement:	12"min	Photo #:	<ul> <li>Add extensions</li> <li>Reconfigure handrails</li> </ul>
P71	Do the extensions return to a wall, guard or the deck surface?	□Yes □No	Return	Photo #:	<ul> <li>Reconfigure handrails</li> <li>Replace handrails</li> <li></li> </ul>
P72	If a handrail is mounted on a wall, is the clear space between the handrail and wall 1½ inches?	Yes No Measurement:		Photo #:	<ul> <li>Reconfigure handrails</li> <li>•</li> </ul>

P73	Are riser heights of the steps uniform?	□Yes □No		Photo #:	• Alter risers •
P74	Are tread depths uniform?	□Yes □No		Photo #:	• Alter treads •
P75	Are treads at least 11 inches deep?	Yes No Measurement:	tread depth 11"min	Photo #:	• Alter treads •
P76	Is the radius of curvature at the leading edge of the step treads no greater than ½ inch?	Yes No Measurement:		Photo #:	Alter tread edges
P77	If nosings project beyond the risers:  Is the underside of the leading edge curved or beveled?	□Yes □No			• Alter nosings •

	Do nosings extend no greater than 1½ inches over the tread below?	Yes No Measurement:	Photo #:	
P78	If the riser slopes under the tread is the slope angle no greater than 30 degrees from vertical?	Yes No Measurement:	Photo #:	Alter riser slope angle
P79	Are risers solid?  Note: Open risers are not allowed.	□Yes □No	Photo #:	• Alter risers •
		□Yes □No	Photo #:	•
		□Yes □No	Photo #:	•
		□Yes □No	Photo #:	•
		□Yes □No	Photo #:	•