

## ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT (ABA)

The [Architectural Barriers Act of 1968](#) (42 U.S.C. [4151-4157](#)) requires certain Federal and Federally funded buildings and other facilities to be designed, constructed, or altered in accordance with standards that ensure accessibility to, and use by, physically handicapped people. A building or facility designed, constructed, or altered with funds allocated or reallocated under this part after December 11, 1995, that meets the definition of “building” as defined in 41 CFR 101-19.602(a) is subject to the requirements of the [Architectural Barriers Act of 1968](#) (42 U.S.C. [4151-4157](#))

The ABA is enforced through standards for accessible design, which indicate where access is required and provides detailed specifications for ramps, parking, doors, elevators, restrooms, assistive listening systems, fire alarms, signs, and other accessible building elements. Facilities covered by the ABA must meet these standards

The Architectural Barriers Act is the first measure by Congress to ensure access to the built environment for people with disabilities. The law covers a wide range of facilities, including U.S. post offices, Veterans Affairs medical facilities, national parks, Social Security Administration offices, federal office buildings, U.S. courthouses, and federal prisons. It also applies to non-government facilities that have received federal funding, such as certain schools, public housing, and mass transit systems.

If you are concerned about access to any ONHIR facility, you can [file a complaint](#) under the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA). See below for information on how to file a complaint.

### [To File a Complaint](#)

Complaints under the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) can be filed using any of the following:

1. E-mail to: **tslater@onhir.gov** or to **ahernan@onhir.gov**
3. Fax to: **928-774-1977**
4. Mail to: **Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation**  
**Attn: Human Resources**  
**P.O. Box KK**  
**Flagstaff, AZ 86002**

**Important Note:** The only complaints that should be filed with the ONHIR are complaints alleging violations of the ABA for the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian building facilities. Complaints unrelated to the accessibility of other Federal buildings or facilities should not be addressed to the ONHIR but rather to the appropriate Federal, State, or local entity or directed to the United States Department of Justice, which enforces the [Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 \(ADA\)](#)..

Be sure to include the name and address of the building or facility and a brief description of each access problem or barrier you encountered at that building or facility in the complaint. You may also submit any photographs or other supporting documents with your complaint. Personal information, including your name, is optional and confidential. If you provide any personal information, we will not disclose it without your written permission. If you wish, however, you may file a complaint anonymously.