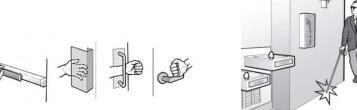


Machine at appropriate height for a wheelchair user.



Seating area for those who cannot stand in line.



These are accessible door handles. For other door handles, prop or open doors.



Mark barriers such as water fountains with a cone so they are detectable.



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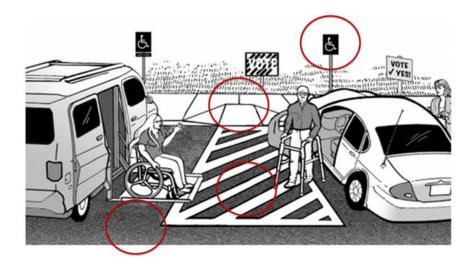
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Poll Worker Guide: Polling Place Accessibility



Accessible parking lots include accessible parking spots marked with a sign, an access aisle, a flat solid surface, and a curb cut or ramp to reach the pathway.

This document is a summary. For the full ADA Polling Place Guide go to: https://www.ada.gov/votingchecklist.pdf

Parking

Things to remember:

- There must be at least one parking space that is van accessible which is 96" wide with a 96" access aisle
- Parking lots with 25-50 spaces require 1 additional car space which is a 96" wide space with a 60" access aisle
- Parking lots with 51-75 spaces require 2 additional car spaces
- Accessible parking should be closest to the most accessible route to the voting area

Temporary Fix:

 Use two regular parking spaces to make one accessible parking space and an access aisle



Temporary accessible parking space with access aisle

Path of Travel

Do:

- Prop open doors or schedule a person to open doors when door handles are inaccessible
- Make sure that separate accessible entrances are unlocked
- Walk through all paths, remove debris and move objects such as plants or signs out of the way

Don't:

Use bulky objects to prop doors open

Temporary Fix:

 Use cones, chairs, or trash cans under barriers protruding more than 4 inches from the wall such as a water fountain

Curbside

Things to remember:

- Curbside voting area should be checked at least every 15 minutes
- Curbside voting does not eliminate the need for an accessible polling location

Do:

- Place a large visible curbside voting sign at eye level
- If using a bell, ensure it can be reached by the driver without leaving the car

Don't:

- Use an accessible parking space for curbside voting
- Place signs too low to the ground where drivers cannot see them



Accessible parking should not be used for curbside voting



Separate curbside parking location

Voting Area

Things to keep in mind:

- Cords and rugs could make mobility difficult
- Provide directional signs
- Set up a machine at table level height to make it accessible
- Always ensure privacy is maintained
- Ensure the area has room to accommodate a wheel chair
- Have chairs for individuals to sit on while waiting if needed
- Pens, paper, and headphones should be available or easily accessible by poll workers