

# Alberta barrier design guide 2008 safety codes

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**What is the 3.8 of the Alberta building code?** A-3.8. To provide more general access to buildings, not less than 50% of the pedestrian entrances are required to be barrier-free, include a principal entrance.

**What is the height of door handles in Alberta?** 9.2 Hardware height. Door handles, pulls, latches, locks and other operating devices shall be installed 34 inches (864 mm) minimum and 48 inches (1219 mm) maximum above the finished floor. Locks used only for security purposes and not used for normal operation are permitted at any height.

**What are some examples of barrier-free design?** Examples are as a way to improve a person's ability to see and access objects in the home. For instance, a dark colored counter top in the bathroom or kitchen, along with dark-colored drawer handles, makes it easier to see items on counters and easily find drawers and doors.

**What is a barrier-free path of travel?** (3) A barrier-free path of travel is permitted to include ramps, passenger elevators or other platform equipped passenger elevating devices to overcome a difference in level.

**What is the latest version of the Alberta building code?** The National Building Code – 2023 Alberta Edition (NBC(AE)) is based on the National Building Code of Canada 2020. It establishes requirements for design and construction, including accessibility requirements for new buildings and energy efficiency requirements for housing and small buildings.

**What is the barrier free standard?** Barrier Free Environment is one which enables people with disabilities to move about safely and freely and to use the facilities within the built environment.

**What is the legal height of a door?** The standard height is 2040mm, but if you have higher ceilings (for example, in a new build, or a home that you've built or renovated yourself) you may need a door that's 2340mm tall. It's important to accurately measure your opening so that you know what you're looking for when exploring your style options.

**What is the correct height for a door handle?** Door handles should be between 800mm and 1050mm from the floor, with 900mm seen as the preferable height under building regulations.

**How tall is a standard door in Alberta?** Exit doors are required to be a minimum 1980mm (6'-8") in height. However, interior doors within a secondary suite may be reduced to 1.95m where a lower ceiling height does not allow for a full-height door.

**What is the building code 2006 in Alberta?** The Alberta Building Code 2006 (ABC) sets out technical provisions for the design and construction of new buildings. It also applies to the alteration, change of use and demolition of existing buildings.

**What is the minimum width for wheelchair access?** The recommended minimum width of a doorway for a wheelchair user is 32 inches wide, although this may vary depending on how wide your wheelchair is.

**What is the code of building?** The main purpose of building codes are to protect public health, safety and general welfare as they relate to the construction and occupancy of buildings and structures. The building code becomes law of a particular jurisdiction when formally enacted by the appropriate governmental or private authority.

**What are the principles of barrier-free design?** Barrier-free and inclusive design includes the following principles and requirements: Step-free accessibility, visually and tactilely contrasting design, and adherence to the two-senses principle (at least two of the three senses of sight, hearing, and touch should be addressed).

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