

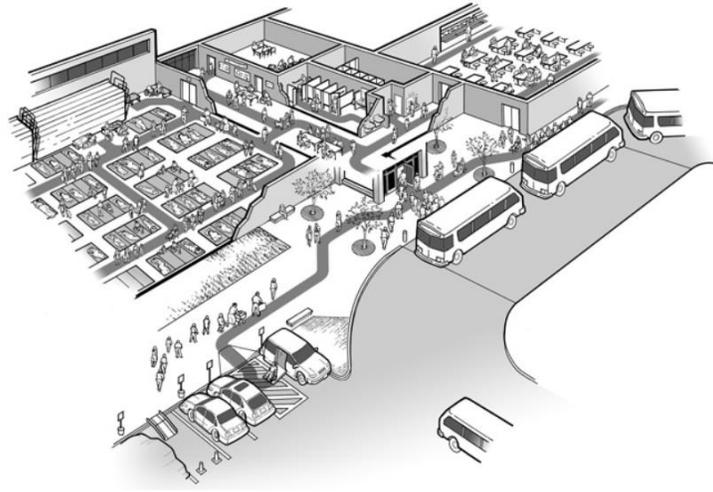
6 Facility Accessibility Quick-Check Tool

Services provided directly by the government, by government contractors, or supported with government funds, must be presented in facilities that meet certain accessibility standards, even during disasters or public health emergencies. Public health preparedness and planning activities should include identifying accessible locations to provide emergency health services.

The following series of questions can be used as an accessibility assessment tool during an initial survey or annual review, or during daily operations. The tool includes select questions from the Department of Justice (DOJ) Accessibility Standards for Emergency Shelters, but does not include the full DOJ checklist. A thorough accessibility assessment should be conducted periodically, as determined by local jurisdictional plans.

Parking Lot

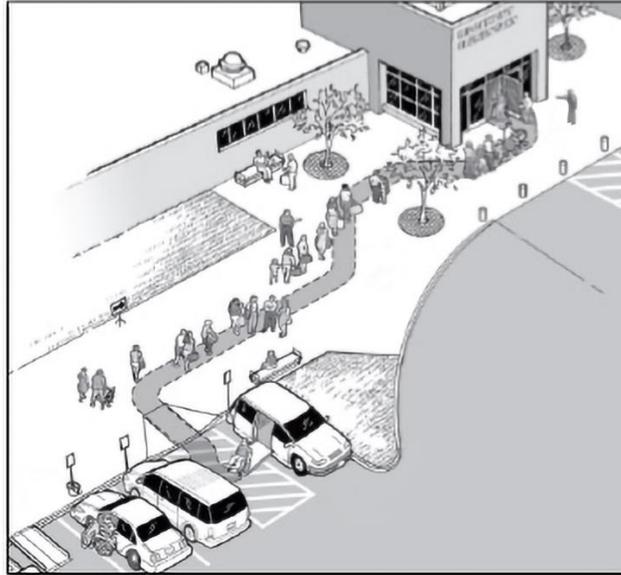
[Department of Justice ADA Emergency Shelter Accessibility Toolkit.](#) The graphic below is an example of an accessible parking lot.



Inspect the parking lot, particularly the accessible parking spaces and surrounding area and paths. Confirm the following accessibility features:

Parking Lot Checklist	Yes/No Check
Minimum number of accessible parking spaces are available.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Each accessible parking space is clearly marked with the symbol of accessibility.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessible parking spaces are along the shortest accessible route to the accessible entrance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear, accessible paths of travel connect parking areas to accessible building entrance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
At least one van-accessible parking space is available.	<input type="checkbox"/>

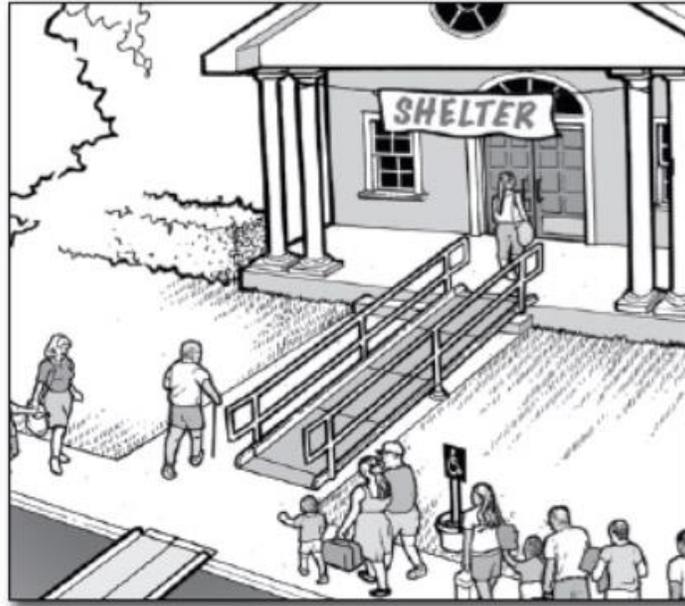
Sidewalks



Inspect the sidewalks and walkways that connect the parking areas, including accessible parking areas, passenger drop-off locations, and public transit stops at the entrances and exits. Confirm the following accessibility features:

Sidewalk Checklist	Yes/No Check
A sidewalk and/or walkway connects both the parking area and passenger drop-off areas to the path that leads to the accessible entrance of building.	<input type="checkbox"/>
An accessible route is available from the public sidewalk to the accessible entrance of the building.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curb cuts are located along accessible routes.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sidewalks and walkways are free of objects, cracks in concrete, steps, or changes in level that exceed 1/2" (one-half inch).	<input type="checkbox"/>

Entrances and Exits



Inspect the main entrance to and exit from the building, and confirm the following features:

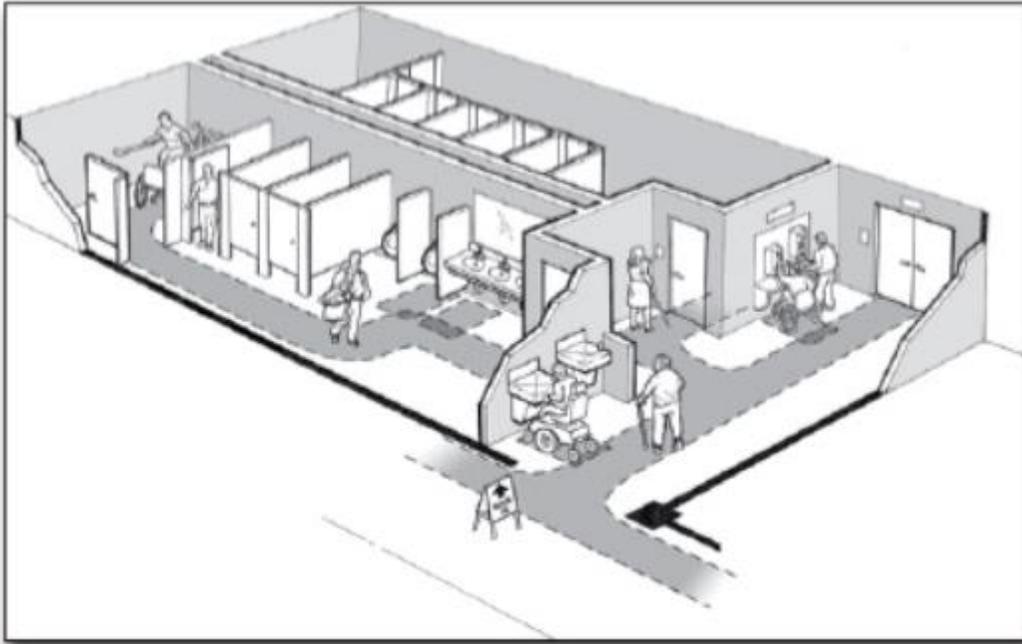
Entrances and Exits Checklist	Yes/No Check
Door to the entrance can be opened with one hand without tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the door is not automatic or power-operated, there is adequate clearance on the latch/pull side of the door so that a person using a wheelchair can maneuver.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the main entrance is not accessible, there is directional signage indicating the location of the accessible entrance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
There is space available for a wheelchair user to approach, maneuver, and open the door.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Routes to All Service Areas

There should be an accessible route from the entrance to and exit from the building to all service areas. Inspect the paths of travel throughout the facility, including use of the elevator or wheelchair lift, and confirm the following:

Routes to All Service Areas Checklist	Yes/No Check
There is an accessible route that connects the entrance to all programs, services, or activities areas, including those located on different levels (for example, elevator, ramp, or lift is used to reach different levels).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elevator or wheelchair lift can be operated automatically without having to use a designated key or turn it on from a remote location.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doorways along accessible routes are at least 36 inches wide and easily open or are equipped with a lever handle.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hall call buttons for the elevator are no higher than 48 inches from the floor.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elevator is equipped with audible tones or announcements that indicate floor level.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raised letters and Braille characters are used to identify each control button in the elevator.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elevator is spacious enough to allow a wheelchair user to enter, maneuver around, and easily reach the controls.	<input type="checkbox"/>
There is a source of backup power to operate the elevator and established procedures to utilize backup power when needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>

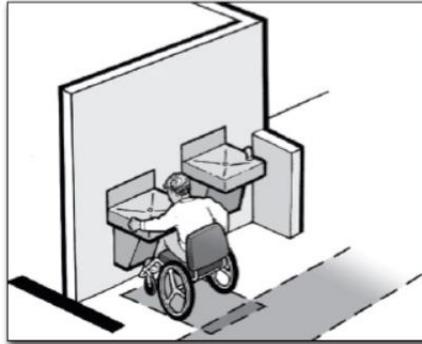
Restrooms



If possible, designate a single restroom as a “family restroom” to more easily accommodate those accompanied by a family member, caregiver, or attendant. Inspect the restrooms to confirm the following features:

Restrooms Checklist	Yes/No Check
Restroom entrances have universal access symbols on doors.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restroom entrances have a raised and Braille sign located on the latch side of the door.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bathroom sink has 19-inch clearance underneath that provides space for a person using a wheelchair.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Built-in dispensers or receptacles are mounted so they do not protrude more than 4 inches from the wall and 27 inches above the floor.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The drain and hot water pipes below the sink are insulated or covered to protect against contact.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessible stall is located at the end of the row of toilet stalls or, if not, the door opens out.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessible stall has horizontal grab bars (minimum 42 inches) mounted on the side wall (at 33 to 36 inches) above and parallel to the floor.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Water Fountain



If the facility is equipped with a water fountain, confirm the following features:

Water Fountain Checklist	Yes/No Check
For a wall-mounted unit, there is adequate clear floor space in front and under the fountain so that a person using a wheelchair can get close to the spout and controls.	<input type="checkbox"/>
For a floor-mounted unit, there is clear floor space for a side approach so that a person in a wheelchair can get close to the spout and controls even though the fountain has no space under it.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The top of the spout at the front of the fountain is no higher than 36 inches above the floor.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The water rises to at least 4 inches high when fountain controls are pushed with gentle force.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The controls are on, or near, the front of the unit and can be operated with one hand without tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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