

Building Accessibility

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Presentation goals

- Informing about disability rights, access, and inclusion
- Defining what accessibility means
- Discussing critical building accessibility requirements
- Providing information on responding to accessibility outages
- Detailing the Accessibility Barrier Reporting form





Americans with Disabilities Act

- Civil rights law that ensures disabled individuals can participate in programs and access facilities.
- Establishes building code requirements known as the ADA Standards:
 - Parking
 - Bathrooms
 - Water fountains
 - Path of travel
 - Seating
 - Etc.



What is accessibility?

- The ADA sets the minimum accessibility requirements in the ADA Standards but that doesn't guarantee accessibility for everyone.
- UW–Madison strives to continuously improve accessibility so disabled individuals have the same easy and seamless access to buildings like nondisabled individuals.
- Seamless access requires ensuring building parts are working and providing alternative access information when they are not.

Critical building accessibility requirements



- Getting in and out of the building by having:
 - unobstructed path of travel from the parking lot or bus stop to the entrance
 - entryway and hallways free of obstructions
 - power-door openers that are working
- Getting around the building through:
 - horizontal routes (hallways and ramps)
 - vertical routes (elevators and wheelchair lifts)
 - accessible wayfinding and room designation signs
 - braille room designation signs

Responding to accessibility outages



- Snow removal
- Broken power-door openers
- Elevator outages
- Post [elevator outage sign](#)
 - include alternate route information

**Immediately contact
Physical Plant Customer Service**

608-263-3333

NOTICE



ELEVATOR OUT OF SERVICE

NOTICE DATE: [Enter date when this sign is posted.]

ESTIMATED DURATION: [Enter estimated time down.]

ALTERNATE ACCESS: [Enter the accessible alternative route for those who cannot use the stairs]

[Include a map if possible for wayfinding purposes]

FACILITY MANAGER	 ACCESSIBILITY CONCERNS	AFTER HOURS ASSISTANCE
[Insert name]	Top Tantivivat (FP&M)	UW Police Dept.
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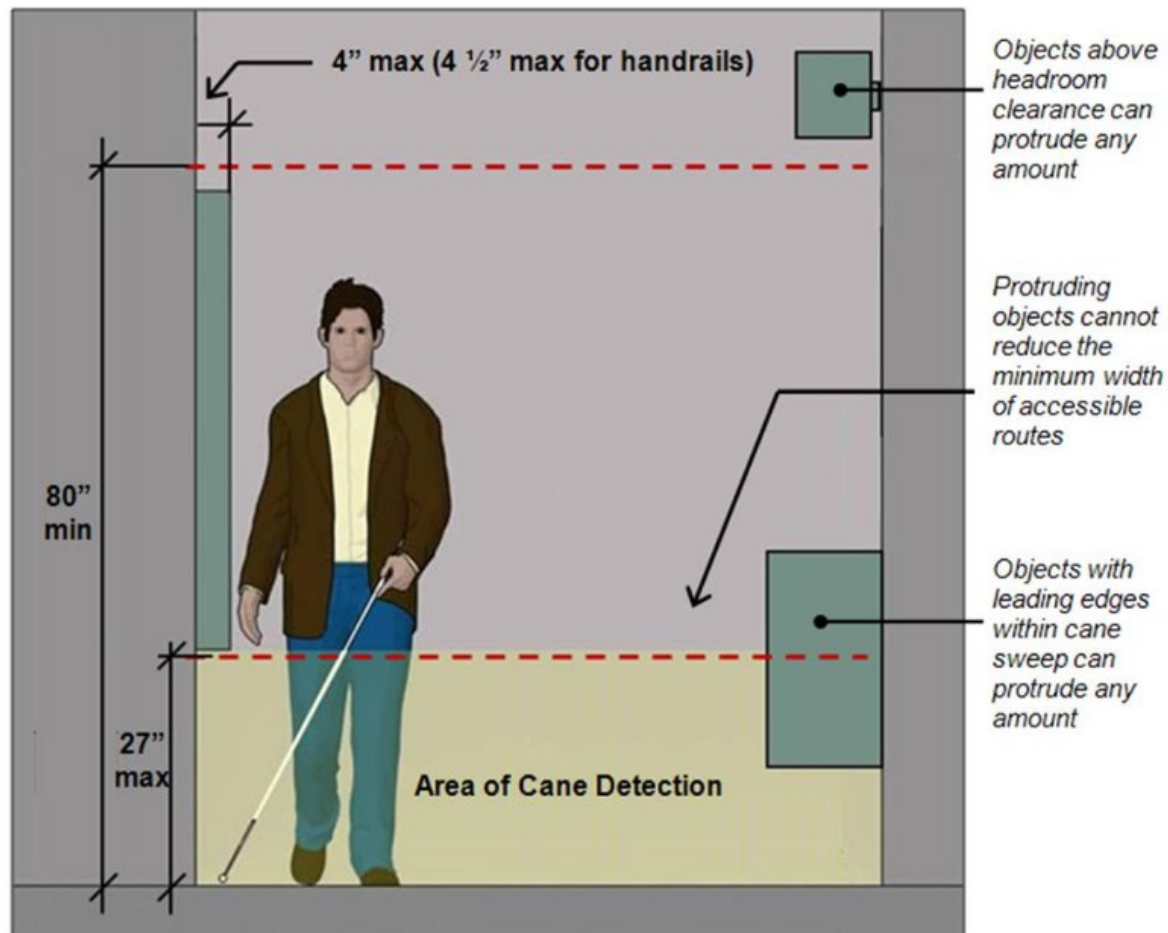
Reasonable accommodations and maintenance issues



- UW is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to permit employees, students and visitors access to employment, programs, activities and facilities.
- What is a reasonable accommodation?
- Accommodations vs. maintenance
 - Accommodations are personalized, legal adjustments for individuals with disabilities (e.g., McBurney Center services, workstation modifications).
 - Maintenance refers to physical repairs of university property, such as fixing broken items or routine facility upkeep in residence halls.



Protruding objects



Accessibility Barrier Reporting Form



- Students, employees, and visitors can report [physical and digital accessibility issues](#) when accessing a university program or building.
- Each incident is reviewed and building managers are usually contacted.
- Most common issues:
 - Elevator outages
 - Broken power-door openers
 - Blocked path of travel
- Issues can be prevented through placing outage signs, testing power-door openers, and regularly ensuring clear routes (including sidewalks).



Questions?

- What information or resources would help you with facilities accessibility?



We're here to help!



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