

Have You Audited Your Election Polling Places for Physical Accessibility?

When choosing a site for a polling place, election officials should select a facility that is accessible to voters who use wheelchairs or scooters or who have difficulty walking.

The following checklist is designed to help voting officials determine whether a polling place has basic accessible features needed by most voters with disabilities. It may be used when evaluating the accessibility of potential new polling places and when identifying physical barriers in existing polling places before temporary or permanent modifications are made to improve accessibility for elections

This is a short outline of issues that must be checked for compliance with accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

Getting to the Polling Place

- Parking
- Passenger Drop-off Areas
- Sidewalks and Walkways

Entering the Polling Place

- Building Entrance
- Hallways and Corridors

Using the Polling Place

- Voting Area

What This Means For Counties

If you need more detailed audit checklists go to <http://www.ada.gov/votingck.htm> **and/or** <http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/accessibilityResources.html>.

By following the directions provided for filling out the checklist, voting staff and volunteers can identify accessible polling places and develop information used for implementing temporary and permanent modifications.

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