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What's New with the ADA

The date has arrived for many government and private enterprises to completely comply with expanded and revised Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. The U.S. Department of Justice's 2010 amendments to [28 CFR Part 35](#) and [28 CFR Part 36](#), became effective March 15, 2011. Enforcement of the regulations began March 15, 2012.

The regulation changes affect government and commercial facilities, as well as places of public accommodation. New 2010 Standards for Accessible Design have been implemented and regulatory expansions have been made to encompass service animals, mobility devices, and accessible seating and ticketing. The new regulations also clarify the application of the ADA to state and local correctional facilities.

Guidance to the regulatory changes, as well as the new Standards for Accessible Design, are available online. For many information seekers, the U.S. Department of Justice's [ADA Home Page](#) can serve as a one stop shop for all your information needs.

ADA Legislative History

From [HeinOnline's U.S. Federal Legislative History Library](#) see *article, page 2*:

[Disability Law in the United States: A Legislative History of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990](#) by Bernard D. Reams, Jr., Peter J. McGovern and Jon S. Schultz

Additional ADA Resources

Online

[Northwest ADA Center](#)—Part of the [ADA National Network](#), the Northwest ADA Center employs a variety of professionals to assist business, government, design professionals and consumers with their ADA inquiries.

[United States Access Board](#)—"The Access Board is an independent Federal agency devoted to accessibility for people with disabilities." You will find ADA guidelines and standards here, along with helpful comparisons to the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) Standards for federal facilities.

Library Databases

Westlaw—Americans With Disabilities Text and Periodicals database (Database Identifier: AWD-TP)

CCH IntelliConnect's Labor and Employment Law database includes guides, treatises and case law

ADA Information Line

Voice 800-514-0301

TTY 800-514-0383



The Department of Justice answers your ADA questions, Mon-Fri 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM (eastern time), except Thurs, 12:30 to 5:30 PM

Crime and Justice



The Department of Justice's [National Criminal Justice Reference Service](#)

is the place to go for your criminal justice policy, program development and research needs. Here, you will find reports, fact sheets, program studies, statistics, and more on topics such as juvenile justice, the courts and crime prevention. The service provides full text publications of its [sponsoring Federal agencies](#), which can be searched by keyword, title, or publication date. A great feature of the website is the "A-Z Topics" sidebar which provides consolidated access to all the site's resources by topic, along with related links.

Registering at the site allows you to receive newsletters, notifications and publications in your area of interest.

You Need to Know

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U.S. Federal Legislative History Library

This database contains full-text compiled legislative histories, congressional documents and secondary materials related to federal legislation. Search by public law number, popular name or Congress. This is a great place to turn for congressional documents not found elsewhere in our collection.

New Improved Wireless



Accessing wireless on your laptop or device has never been easier at the library. Simply search for the **WASHINGTON-STATE-COURTS** network, start a browser session and agree to the "Acceptable Use Policy." You are good to go!

Environmental Law News

University of Washington School of Law's inaugural issue of the [Washington Journal of Environmental Law & Policy](#) was released in July 2011. The journal takes an interdisciplinary approach to both current environmental law and solutions for the future. The journal is published twice a year. Articles are available at the journal website and on HeinOnline. Email notifications are available by subscription at the website.

The [Seattle Journal of Environmental Law](#) is Seattle University School of Law's newest co-curricular journal. The journal has its roots in the former *Environmental Perspectives* legal magazine that was published by the School of Law's Environmental Law Society. This online journal is published on a rolling basis and features traditional law journal articles, news and a blog. Notifications by RSS feed are available at the website.

Low-income Legal Assistance CLEAR*Online

Low-income citizens in need of free legal assistance can now apply online for services through the Northwest Justice Project's CLEAR*Online intake system. Application can also be made by telephone through the CLEAR Hotline. Information on the process is available at the Project's [Get Legal Help](#) web page.

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