



# City of Palm Desert

## SPECIAL EVENT ADA AWARENESS INFORMATION

As required by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all events, workshops, conferences, hearings, or any other activity held on City property (City facilities, including buildings and parks and public right-of-way) must be accessible to people with disabilities. The Palm Desert ADA/504 Coordinator provides the following information to assist you in ensuring that your events are accessible.

### GENERAL

- Special Event producers shall generate an accessibility plan for the event.
- The site plan must show all ADA elements, including, but not limited to accessible parking, ADA-compliant portable toilets, ramps, accessible seating, accessible path of travel, etc.
- All printed material for an event is to include the Request for Accommodation notice with the international symbol for accessibility, a contact name, and the contact's phone number.
- Request for accommodation may include material in an alternate format, an interpreter, or assistive listening devices.
- Service animals must be allowed to accompany their owners at all times and cannot be excluded from the event.
- If amplified sound is used, assistive listening devices should be available.

### BARRIERS

- Concern should be given to elevation changes of more than ¼" vertical to ½" beveled. These are considered barriers and required temporary ramps.
- All cords, wires, hoses, etc., that are located within a path of travel must be ramped or placed within a cord cover.

### PATHS OF TRAVEL

- All paths of travel shall be accessible, and all event features shall be on an accessible path of travel.
- An alternate path of travel is required when the normal path of travel is obstructed.
- If an alternate path of travel is provided, signage designating the alternate path of travel is required.
- Where possible, the alternate path of travel shall be parallel to the disrupted pedestrian access route, and on the same side of the street.
- All paths of travel shall have no protrusions up to a height of 80", including scaffolding and scaffolding braces. Where the alternative path of travel is adjacent to potentially hazardous conditions, the path must be protected with a barricade.

### PARKING

- If parking is provided for an event, accessible parking is required.
- If no parking is provided for an event, an accessible passenger loading and unloading zone is required.
- Accessible parking and passenger loading and unloading zones are required to be identified using the international symbol for accessibility.
- Signs with the international symbol for accessibility are to be mounted for maximum visibility.

## **SALES OR SERVICE COUNTERS**

- If sales or service counters are provided for your event, the height must be no more than 34" from the finished floor or the ground, and the width must be at least 36" wide.

## **ACCESSIBLE ROUTE**

- An accessible route is required from the accessible parking, and from the passenger loading and unloading zone to the event entrance.
- All routes within the event shall be accessible.
- An accessible route must be a minimum of 48" in width.
- Accessible routes must be identified with the international symbol for accessibility, including directional arrows, with visibility optimized.

## **SEATING**

- If seating is provided, accessible seating and companion seating are required.
- Accessible seating and companion seating area must be identified using the international symbol for accessibility and placed for maximum visibility.

## **PORTABLE TOILETS**

- If portable toilets are provided, they must be accessible and located on a level area not to exceed a 2% cross-slope in any direction.
- The total number of portable toilets to be provided for the event determines the required number of accessible portable toilets in any given area. This number is 5% of the total, but in no event less than one for each location. If a sign unit is placed, it must be accessible. The placement of single units will increase the number of accessible toilets required for your event.
- An accessible route to each portable toilet is required.
- Accessible portable toilets must be identified with the international symbol of accessibility.

**To request this form in an alternate format, contact the ADA/504 Coordinator at:**

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