



*Advancing full access and inclusion for all*



# Board's Mission

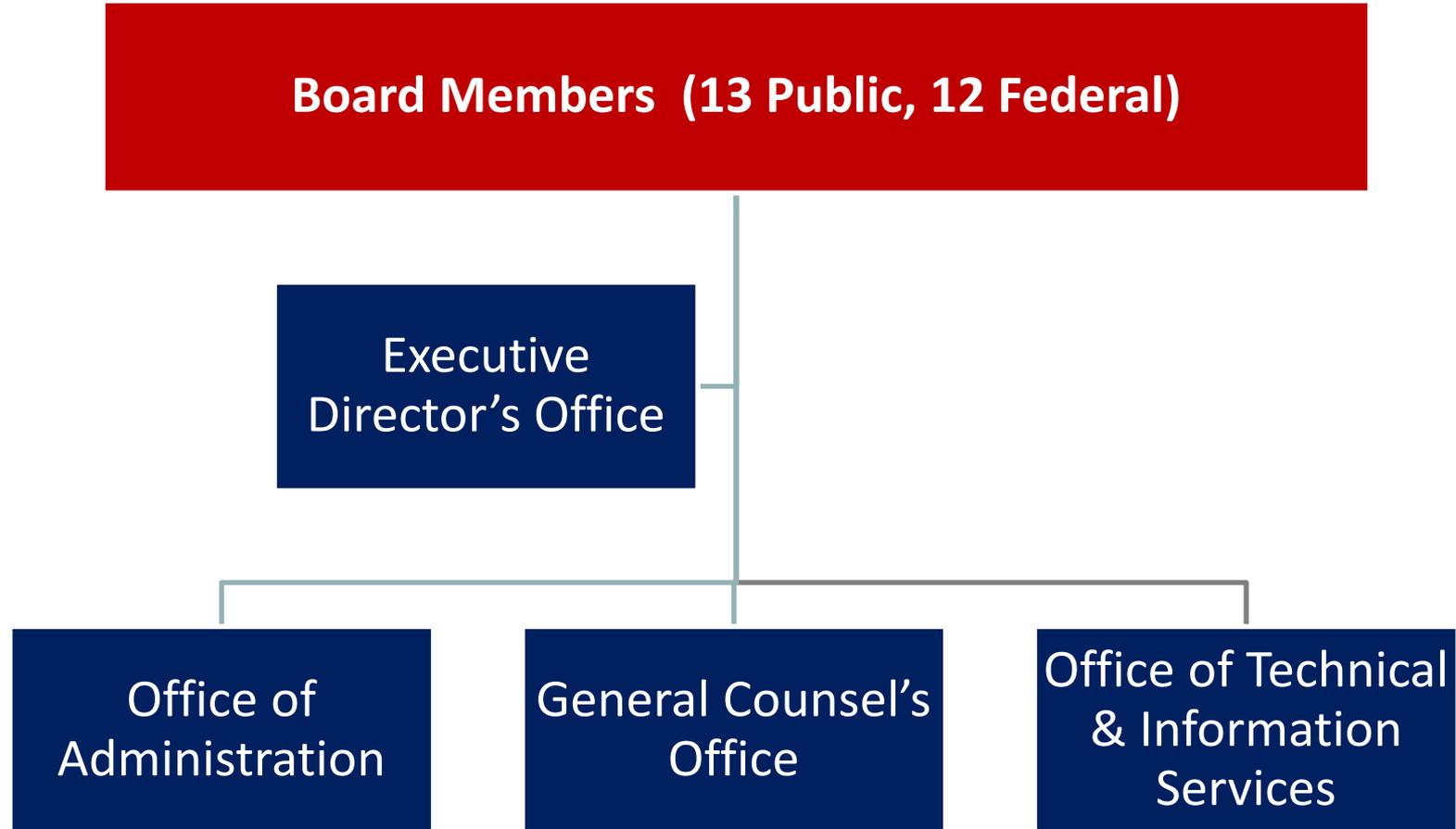
- **Establish access guidelines & standards**
- **Provide technical assistance & training**
- **Enforce ABA standards (federal sector)**



- **Independent federal agency**
- **About 30 staff**
- **Governing Board**
- **Budget: over \$8 million**



# Board Structure



# Laws Concerning the Board

- **Architectural Barriers Act (1968)**
- **Americans with Disabilities Act (1990)**
- **Telecommunications Act (1996)**
- **Rehabilitation Act Amendments – Sec. 508 (1998)**
- **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (2010)**



# Buildings & Facilities

Covered by the ADA (private & state/local gov't sectors) and ABA (federally funded)



**New construction, alterations, and<sup>6</sup>additions**

# Recreation Facilities



**Facility standards supplemented to cover various recreation facilities (pools, play areas, amusement rides, golf, etc.)**

# Outdoor Areas



**New standards for trails, picnic and camping areas, and beach access routes<sub>8</sub>(ABA)**

# IT and Communication



**Standards for information & communication  
technology in the federal sector**

# Medical Diagnostic Equipment



**Standards for exam tables/chairs, weight scales, radiological & mammography equipment, etc.**

# Passenger Vessels



**New guidelines being developed for ferries, cruise ships, excursion boats, and other vessels**

# Public Rights-of-Way



**New guidelines in development for public streets and sidewalks**

# Transit Systems



**Standards for public transit facilities and buses, vans, rail cars, trams, etc.**

# ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) for Transportation Vehicles



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## Transportation

Access to public transportation is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other laws. Standards issued under the ADA address access to facilities and to vehicles of public transit systems. The Board is developing new guidelines for passenger vessels under the ADA.



### [Transportation Facilities](#)

ADA Accessibility Standards apply to bus stops, rail stations, and airports and other transportation facilities.



### [Transportation Vehicles](#)

The Board's ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Transportation Vehicles apply to buses, vans, rail cars, and other modes of public transit and serve as the basis for standards maintained by the U.S. Department of Transportation that apply to new or remanufactured vehicles.



### [Passenger Vessels](#)

The Board is developing guidelines under the ADA for access to ferries, cruise ships, excursion boats, and other passenger vessels that will supplement the Board's ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Transportation Vehicles.

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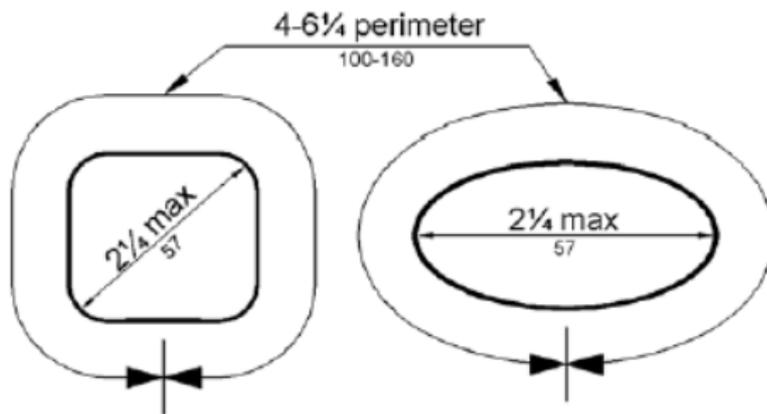


# Non-Rail Vehicles

- *Non-Rail Vehicle*: A self-propelled, rubber-tired vehicle used to provide transportation services and intended for use on city streets, highways, or busways that constitutes either a bus, over-the-road bus, or van.

# Chapter 3: Building Blocks

- Covers basic elements and requirements found in multiple sections
  - T302 Walking surfaces
  - T303 Handrails, stanchions and handholds
  - T304 Operable parts



# Door Opening Width and Height (T502)

- **Key for getting in and out of the vehicle**
- **Vertical Clearance 56 inches minimum**
- **32 inch minimum width**



# Ramp Requirements

- The slope requirements for ramp deployment:
  - 1:6 max. slope when deployed to curb.
  - 1:6 max. slope when deployed to street.
  - 1:8 max. slope when deployed to a platform.
- Although showing a bus requirement applies to small vehicles



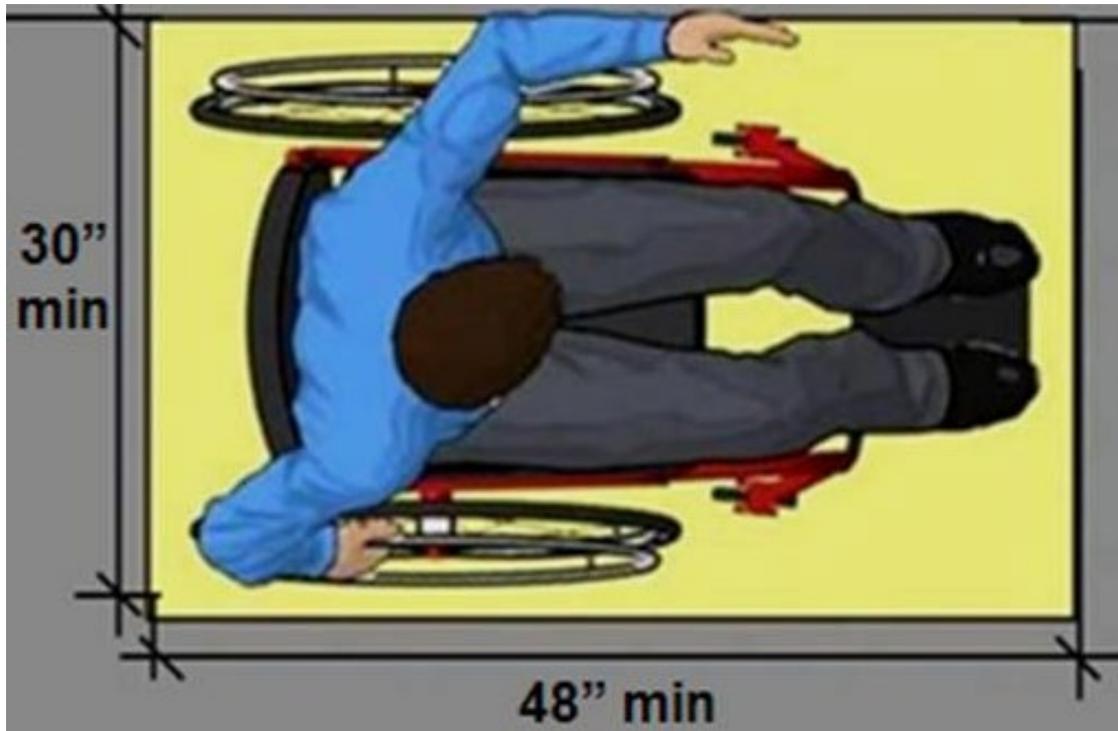
# Lift Requirements (T403)

- References Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards which address:
  - Design load
  - Controls and manual operation
  - Platform characteristics
  - Threshold ramps
  - Deflection and movement
  - Handrails etc.
- Lift can be entered in either direction.



# Wheelchair Spaces (T210 & T602)

- **Small Vehicles Provide at least one space.**
- **Size is 30 x 48 inches minimum (w/securement)**



# Wheelchair Spaces and Securement Systems

- T602 Wheelchair spaces
- T603 Wheelchair securement systems
- T604 Stowage
- T605 Seat belts and shoulder belts



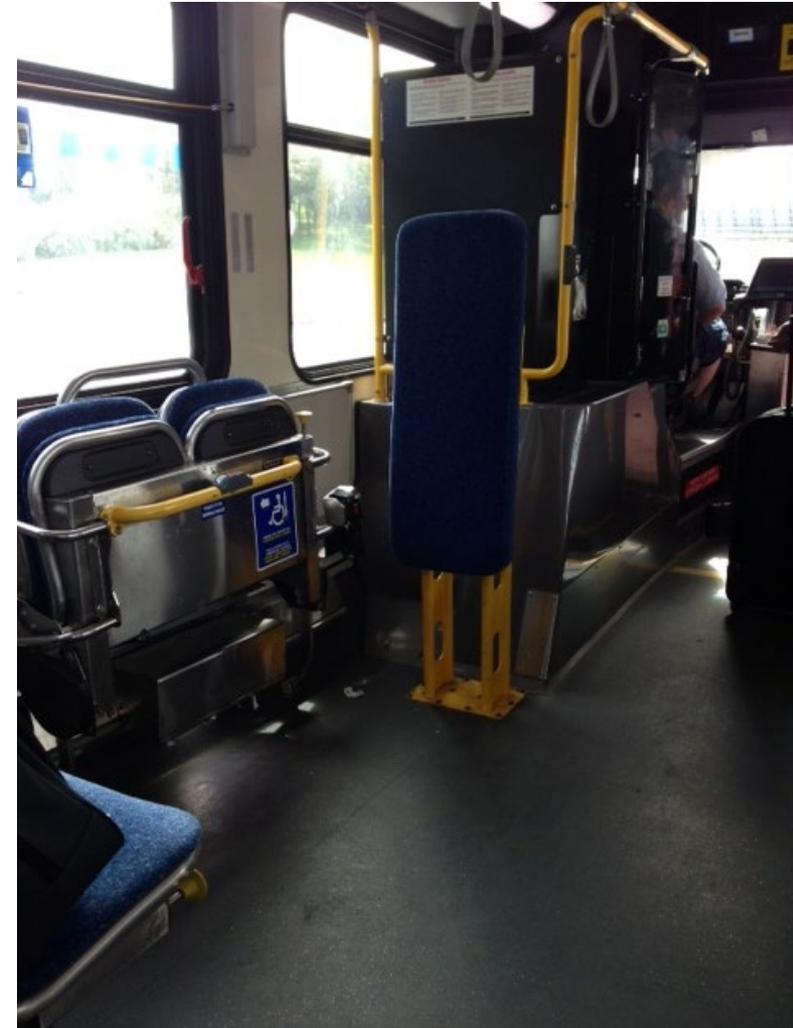
# Wheelchair Spaces(T602)

- T602.2 Surfaces.
- T602.3 Approach.
- T602.4 Size. 30 inches (760 mm) minimum in width and 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum in length.



# Wheelchair Securement Systems(T603)

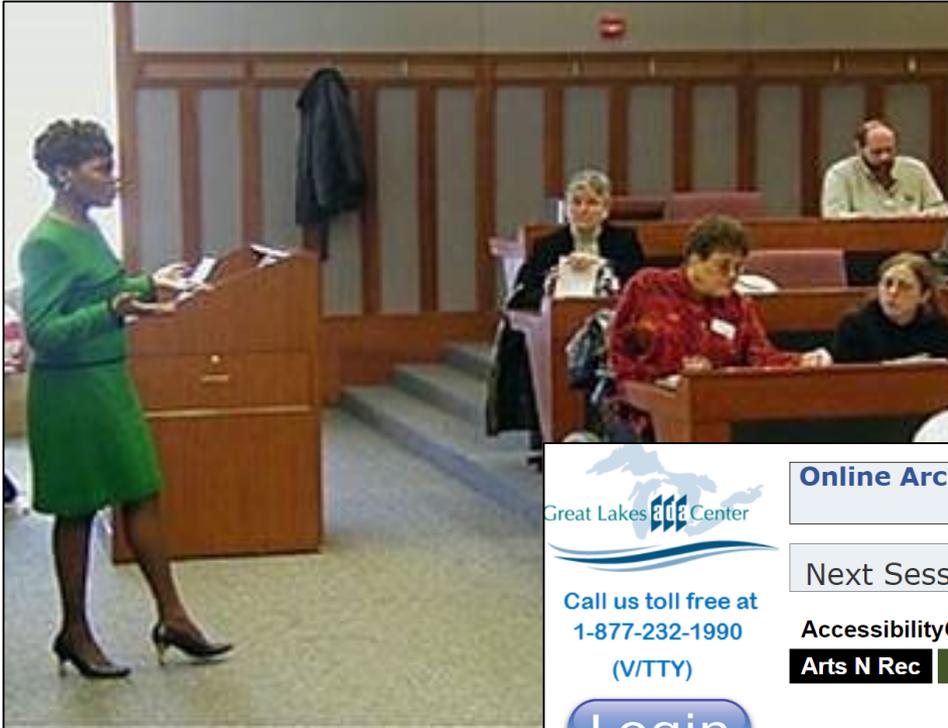
- Allows rear facing securement and references ISO 10865-1:2012(E) Part 1: *Systems for rearward facing wheelchair-seated passengers.*



# Technical Assistance



# Training & Webinars





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**About the Access Board**

Open Q & A (8/2/2018)

Enforcing the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) (4/7/2011)

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**Building and Facilities: ADA and ABA Standards**

Differences Between the ADA and ABA Accessibility Standards (4/4/2019)

Accessible Entrances, Doors, and Gates (3/7/2019)

Common Sources of Confusion in the ADA and ABA Standards (12/6/2018)

Accessible Exterior Routes and Surfaces (11/1/2018)

Federal Facilities & the Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standard (ABA) - "A Refresher" (9/6/2018)

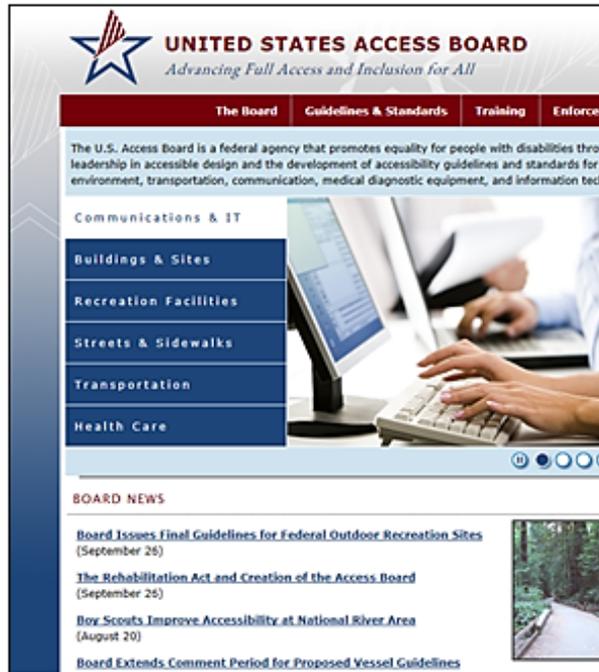
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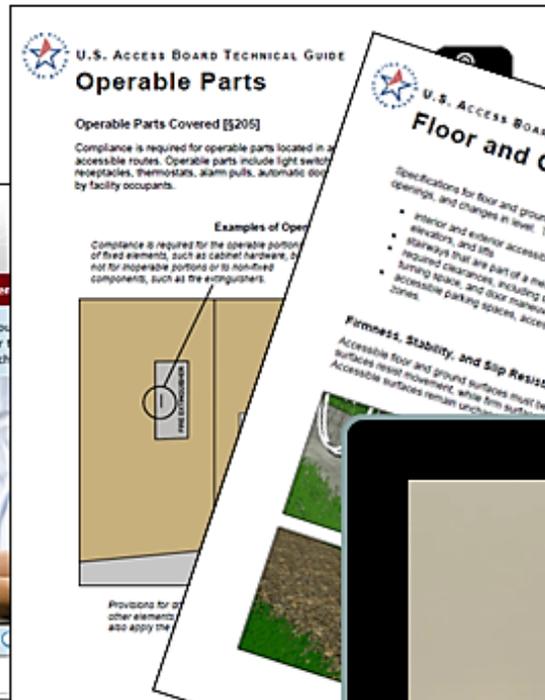
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**BOARD NEWS**

- [Board Issues Final Guidelines for Federal Outdoor Recreation Sites](#) (September 26)
- [The Rehabilitation Act and Creation of the Access Board](#) (September 26)
- [Boy Scouts Improve Accessibility at National River Area](#) (August 20)
- [Board Extends Comment Period for Proposed Vessel Guidelines](#)

[ABA Final Rule: Accessibility Standards for Trails, Picnic and Camping Facilities, and Beach Access Routes \(Special Webinar\)](#)  
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**Operable Parts**

**Operable Parts Covered [§205]**

Compliance is required for operable parts located in accessible routes. Operable parts include light switches, receptacles, thermostats, alarm pulls, automatic doors by facility occupants.

**Examples of Operable Parts**

Compliance is required for the operable portion of fixed elements, such as cabinet hardware, by not for operable portions or to non-fixed components, such as the actuator.

Provisions for other elements also apply the



**U.S. ACCESS BOARD TECHNICAL GUIDE**  
**Floor and Ground Surfaces**

Specifications for floor and ground surfaces address surface characteristics, capping, openings, and changes in level. They apply to:

- interior and exterior accessible routes, including walking surfaces, ramps, elevators, and lifts
- stairways that are part of a means of egress
- required clearances, including clear floor space, wheelchair seating spaces, turning space, and door maneuvering clearances
- accessible parking spaces, access ways, and accessible passenger loading zones.

**Firmness, Stability, and Slip Resistance [§302.1]**

Accessible floor and ground surfaces must be stable, firm, and slip resistant. Accessible surfaces remain unobstructed.



# Research



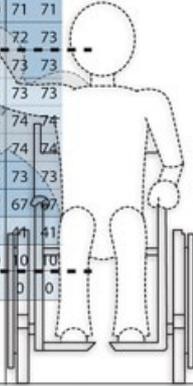
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Current ADA-ABA Section: 308.3

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| 1800-1899 [70.9-74.8] | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 1   | 1   | 1  | 1    |    |                     |
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| 1600-1699 [63.1-66.9] | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 5    | 14   | 23  | 27  | 31 | 31   |    |                     |
| 1500-1599 [59.1-63.0] | 0    | 0    | 0    | 3    | 7    | 17   | 29   | 40  | 50  | 52 | 53   |    |                     |
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| 1000-1099 [39.4-43.3] | 1    | 3    | 9    | 18   | 34   | 56   | 71   | 72  | 73  | 73 | 73   |    |                     |
| 900-999 [35.5-39.3]   | 1    | 3    | 11   | 21   | 37   | 59   | 70   | 73  | 74  | 74 | 74   |    |                     |
| 800-899 [31.6-35.4]   | 1    | 3    | 11   | 22   | 40   | 59   | 71   | 73  | 74  | 74 | 74   |    |                     |
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| 500-599 [19.7-23.6]   | 0    | 3    | 5    | 12   | 20   | 27   | 36   | 41  | 41  | 41 | 41   |    |                     |
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