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RE: ACCESSIBLE BUILDINGS BULLETIN

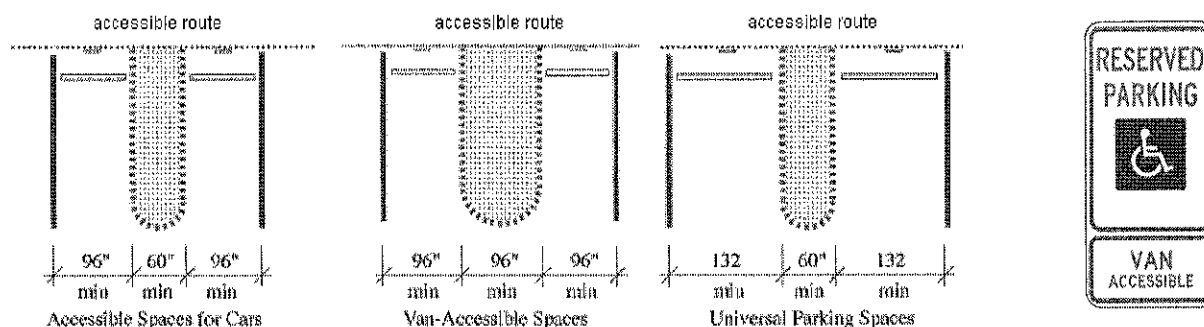
Code Enforcement Personnel:

The Nebraska State Fire Marshal's Office believes that disabilities should never hinder people's ability to arrive on site, approach the building, and enter as freely as everyone else. The following FAQ will help ensure your facility has compliant parking, approach, and entrance requirements.

What are the requirements for accessible parking?

Where parking spaces are provided, the minimum number of parking spaces shall be in accordance to NAG 208.2. Accessible parking spaces shall be located on the shortest accessible route to an accessible entrance. Where parking serves more than one accessible entrance, parking spaces shall be dispersed and located on the shortest accessible route to the accessible entrances. Dimensions, signage, and location requirements for parking shall be in accordance with NAG 502. NAG 208

(Left) Illustrates the min. dimensions required for accessible cars, vans, and universal parking spaces and (Right) Illustrates the International Symbol of Accessibility, which shall be provided to identify accessible parking spaces.



What are the requirements for accessible parking space identification?

Signs identifying van parking spaces shall contain the designation "van accessible." Signs shall be 60" min. above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign. The required "van accessible" designation is intended to be informative, not restrictive.

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What are the requirements for accessible routes once you leave your vehicle?

At least one accessible route shall be provided within the site from accessible parking spaces, accessible passenger loading zones, public streets /sidewalks, and public transportation stops to the accessible building or facility entrance they serve.

An accessible route shall consist of one or more of the following components: (see NAG 402.2)

- Walking surfaces with a running slope not steeper than 1:20
- Doorways
- Ramps
- Curb ramps excluding the flared sides
- Elevators
- Platform lifts.

How many public entrances need to be accessible?

At least 60% of all public entrances shall be accessible. A public entrance is an entrance that is not a service entrance or a restricted entrance.

What is the difference between an accessible public entrance and an accessible means of egress?

In regards to a means of egress, *Life Safety Code* will take precedence. *Life Safety Code* 7.5.4 states:

"Areas accessible to people with severe mobility impairment, other than in existing buildings, shall have not less than two accessible means of egress. Access shall be provided to not less than one accessible area of refuge or one accessible exit providing an accessible route to an exit discharge and shall remain within the allowable travel distance."

An example of how the two are different is that a building could have one public entrance yet provide ten separate exits. That one public entrance would need to meet all the requirements for accessibility (RE: NAG), yet only two out of the ten exits will need to be accessible (RE: LSC).

I would also like to remind all local code enforcement personnel that when plans are reviewed by a political subdivision for building code regulations, enforcement of the Nebraska Accessibility Guidelines (2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design) shall be the responsibility of the building code officials of the political subdivision.

Sincerely,

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