



2009 POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY Checklist

If any questions are checked off as "No" please provide a brief explanation on the comments section of the checklist.

County: _____
Municipality: _____
Polling Address: _____
Building Name: _____
Ward(s) & District(s): _____
Inspected By: _____
Date Inspected: _____

- 1. If off-street parking is available to voters, will there be a sufficient number of spaces accessible for people with disabilities, and are they the proper size, on level ground that is stable, firm, slip resistant, properly identified, and is the shortest route to the closest entrance?** YES NO N/A
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Parking spaces accessible for the disabled must be at least 8' wide, with adjacent striped access aisles at least 5' wide. At least one accessible parking space in each parking lot and one in every eight accessible spaces must be van accessible with an access aisle at least 8' wide. The parking spaces and access aisles must be painted to contrast with the pavement. Each parking space must have signage that includes the International Symbol of Accessibility, the language "Reserved Parking" with appropriate arrow marks below, and a Penalty Sign that includes the language required by N.J.S.A. 39:4-197(3)c, "Penalty, \$250 First Offense. Subsequent Offenses \$250 minimum and/or up to 90 days Community Service". The lowest edge of the signs must be 60" from the ground when the sign is parallel to the sidewalk or walkway and it must be 72" above the ground when the sign is perpendicular to the walkway. N.J.A.C. 5:23-7.9(f) 1. This is not a range; it is a requirement.

- 2. Will any special parking accommodations be made on a temporary basis on Election Day for the elderly and people with disabilities? (Please specify on back.)** YES NO N/A
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For example, will an area and/or on-street parking be identified as "for use only for people with disabilities"?

- 3. Is the path of travel to the entrance of the polling location at least 36" wide, except doorways, and is the ground stable, firm, and slip resistant with no changes in elevation greater than 1/4" or 1/2", including curbs? A change in level greater than 1/4" can be beveled at 1:2 up to 1/2"; higher than 1/2" is a ramp and has to be constructed at 1:12. Refer to question six for ramps.** YES NO N/A
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- 4. Will disabled voters be required to use an alternate entrance:** YES NO N/A
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- a. Will there be directional signage to the alternate entrance?
- b. Will the alternate entrance be identified with the international symbol of accessibility?
- c. Will the alternate entrance be left unlocked?

- 5. Are all doorways leading to the voting area handicapped accessible?** YES NO N/A
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Doors should be easy to open for those with limited hand/arm motion. Door hardware should be easy to grasp with one hand without tight grasping or twisting of the wrist to operate. Lever operated mechanism, push-type mechanism and U-shaped handles are acceptable designs. Doors should also provide a clear opening of 32" and have thresholds beveled with a slope not exceeding 1:2. Interior doors should not exceed 5lbs of force.

- 6. If ramps are used to gain access to the location, are they accessible to people with disabilities?** YES NO N/A
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Ramp must be at least 36" wide, stable, firm, and slip resistant. Least possible slope should be used for any ramp. 1:12 is recommended. Ramps on existing buildings that have a slope of 1:10 to 1:12 are allowed for a rise up to 6". A slope of 1:8 to 1:10 is allowed for a raise up to 3". Handrails on both sides of the ramp must be used if there is a rise exceeding 6", and protected edges of a minimum of 2" in height must be used with drop-offs exceeding 6". The ramp should have a 5' by 5' landing at the top of the ramp, the bottom of the ramp and where the ramp changes direction.

