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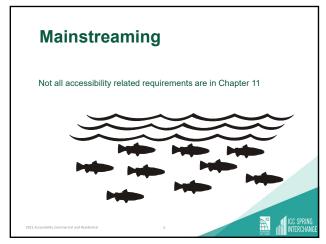
Introduction to Accessibility

- Scope and Technical Requirements of Accessibility Provisions.
- Coordination with Federal Documents.

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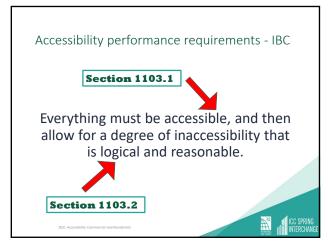
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Limitation of a referenced standards IBC Section 102.4 • Considered part of the code to the extent referenced • Examples in A117.1 that are not referenced – stairways, Type C units, sign language interpreter's station • Conflicts – codes rule

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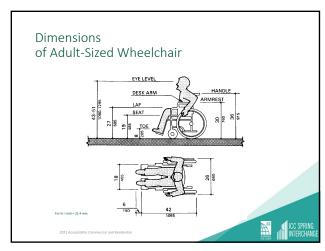
Everything must be accessible, and then allow for a degree of inaccessibility that is logical and reasonable.

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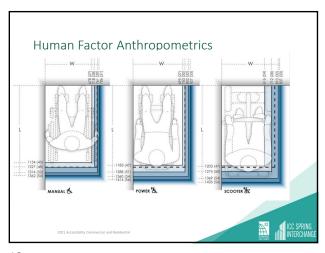
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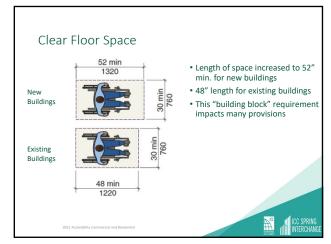


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2017 ICC A117.1 Revisions include items such as • 30"x52" clear floor space • 67" turning circle • 8" chamfered corners on turns for 36" wide aisles and corridors • Changes to turning spaces allowances to use knee and toe clearances • Is referenced for the 1st time in the 2021 I-codes

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Definitions — A117.1 Existing Building New definition Needed due to desire to lessen impact of 2017 changes Defined as "A building erected prior to adoption of 2017 standard, or for which a legal building permit has been issued."

Existing building and facilities

- New sizes <u>will not</u> apply to <u>any</u> alterations or change of occupancy in existing buildings or facilities, including the improvements to the accessible route
- New sizes will apply to new construction and additions

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Dwelling Units & Sleeping Units

- Module 3
 - Institutional:
 - Groups I-1, I-2 and I-3.
 - Residential:
 - Groups R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4.
 - Townhouses from IRC



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Accessibility performance requirements

- Transient and permanent housing should have units that can accommodate persons with mobility impairment's.
- Numbers are based on anticipated need for each type.
- Permanent housing should allow for aging in place, temporary impairments, and visiting.

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Key Terms

- Dwelling unit:
 - Independent living facilities including provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.
- Sleeping unit:
 - Rooms where people sleep which may include living and eating and either cooking or sanitation.

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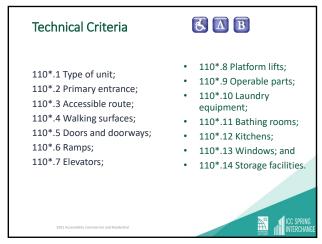
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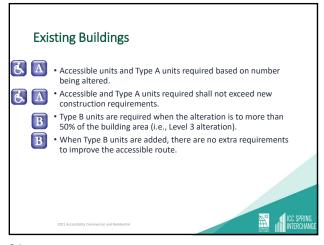
- Dwelling or sleeping units, multistory.
 - Living space on more than one level.
- Intended to be occupied as a residence.
 - · Dwelling units; or
 - Sleeping units; and
 - Occupant's place of abode.

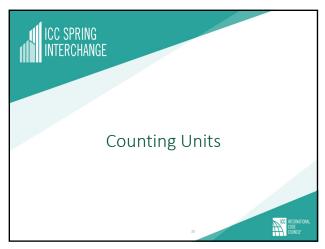
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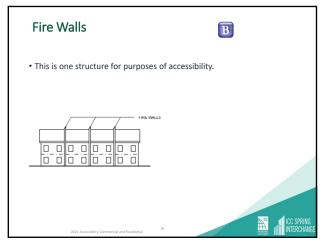
Shared Spaces • All public spaces • All spaces for shared use by residents • Recreational facilities • Parking: • 2% of parking provided If covered parking provided, at least one accessible space in covered parking



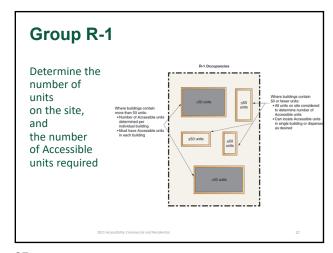


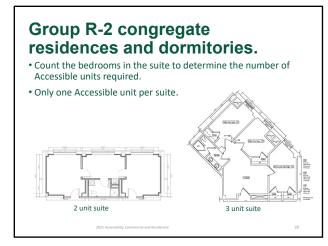






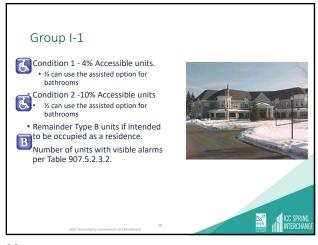
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Assisted Toileting and Bathing



- Changes have been made to the provisions for nursing homes and assisted living facilities to allow some units to have toilet and bathing facilities designed for assisted use.
- These allowances are permitted instead of the independent use facilities generally intended by the ICC A117.1 Accessible unit provisions.
- Both scoping and technical provisions are provided in IBC.
- The assisted use provisions are optional and can be applied when desired by the designer.
- Units may be modified for toileting, bathing or both

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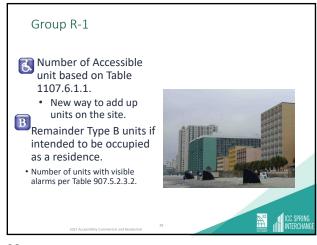
Assisted Toileting Primary technical changes include: Increased clearance around water closet of 66° with clearance of 24" to 26" from centerline of fixture Increased clearance depth of 78" to allow for additional approach options. Allowance for swing-up grab bars that are typically only permitted in Type B units. Toilet paper dispenser to be installed on at least one of the swing-up grab bars.

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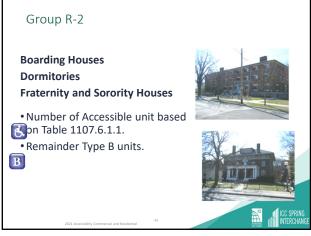
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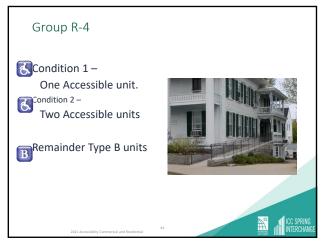




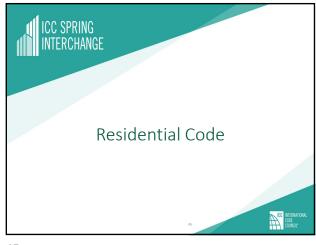
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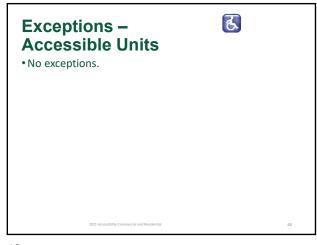
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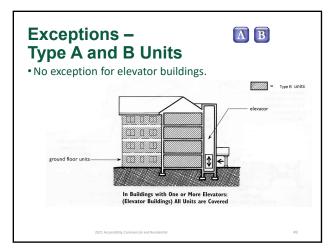






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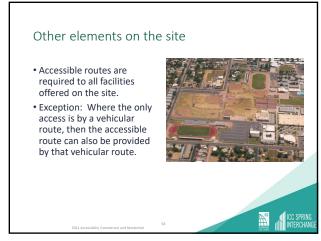
Accessibility performance requirements A person with mobility impairments should be able to arrive at the site, enter the building, and move throughout the building and site independently.

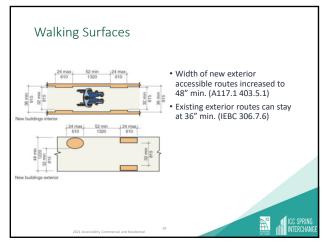
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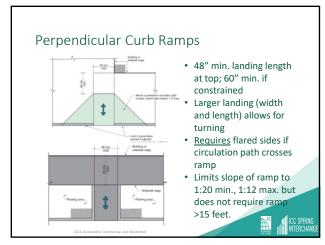


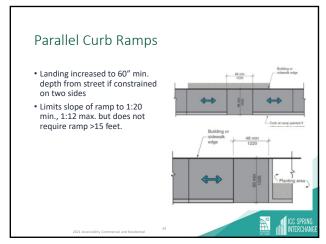




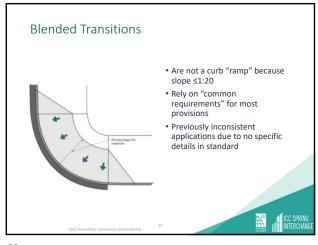
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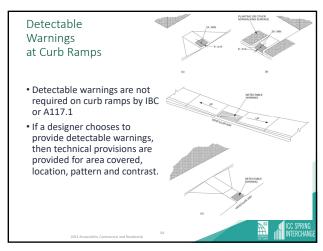






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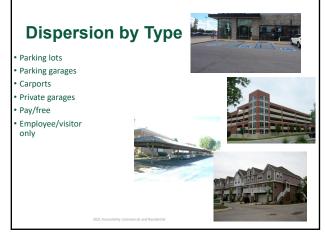


Accessible Parking Spaces

- Based on number of parking spaces provided.
- Number of parking spaces required per zoning ordinances.
- Accessible spaces required:
 - Table 1106.1 for general parking.
 - 2% for Group R-2 and R-3.
 - 10% at hospitals facilities.

 - 20% at mobility treatment centers.
 1 of 6 accessible spaces sized for a van

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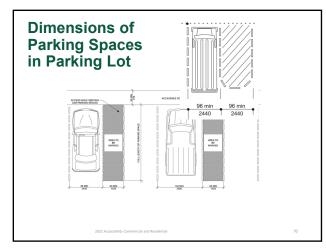
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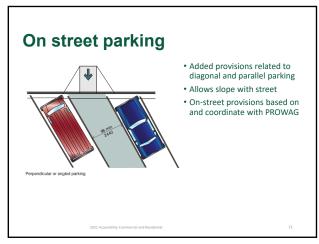
Parking Locations

- Locate on the shortest accessible route to an accessible entrance.
- Multi-entrance building or multi-building sites – disperse spaces
- Exception:
 - Van spaces on ground level of parking garages (vertical clearance of 98 inches)
 - Grouped where better access is provided









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Parking Meters and Pay Stations



- Stations that serve accessible parking spaces
- Provisions added to address location and access to on-street parking meters and pay stations.
 - Not applicable to parking lots
- Done to coordinate with PROWAG
- Requires: Compliance with operable parts, location at end of stall, visible display at 40"

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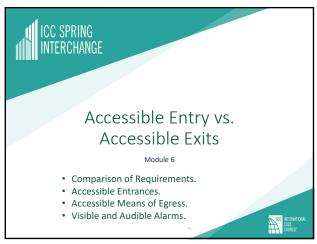
Electrical Vehicle Charging Station

- Ensures they are accessible and usable
- Regulated "where provided" at parking spaces
- Provisions address operable parts, accessible route, obstructions
- Applies to both parking lots and on-street parking



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Accessibility performance requirements

- •A person with mobility impairments should be able move throughout the building independently.
- •Evacuation may require assistance so it is important to communicate between emergency responders and persons who need assistance.

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Entrance/Exit Requirements—Introduction

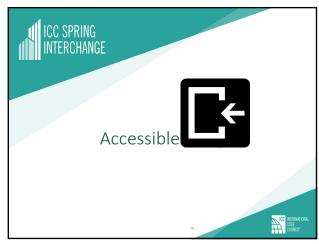
• Requirements for both entry and egress must be addressed and the most restrictive applied.





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Accessible Entrance



- Special entrances at least one:
- Parking garages
- Tunnels
- Elevated walkways
- Restricted · Inmates or detainees
- Public entrances 60%.
- Individual entrance
- Accessible Group I and R dwelling and sleeping units

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Exceptions

- Areas not required to be accessible.
- Doors that serve as means of egress only.
- \bullet Service entrances that are not the only entrance to a tenant.

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Automatic Doors at Public Entrances

- In specified occupancies with sizable occupant loads, the accessible public entrances must now be provided with an automatic door.
 - Where an automatic door is required by Table 1105.1.1, it shall be either a full power-operated door or a lowenergy power-operated door.

TABLE 1105.1.1 Public Entrance with Power-Operated Door

Building Occupant Load Greater Than		
300		
500		

a. In mixed-use facilities where the total sum of the building occupant load is greater than those listed, the most restrictive building occupant load shall apply.

Automatic Doors at Public Entrances

- In mixed-occupancy buildings where total building occupant load exceeds that listed, the most restrictive building occupant load shall apply.
- Where the public entrance includes a vestibule, at least one door into and one door out of the vestibule must comply with the requirements.
- Very important to understand that doors that require card or key entry will most likely still be considered public entrances.





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Interior Routes

- Connect accessible entrances to accessible spaces within the building
- The accessible route must allow for unassisted access



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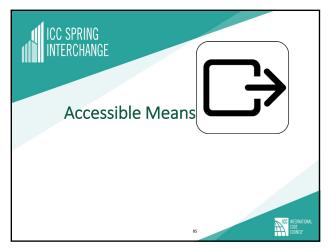
Additional Routes

 Connections between dwelling and sleeping units and all shared facilities (e.g., dining halls, lobby, laundry, mailrooms).





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Accessible MOE

An accessible means of egress is:

- A continuous and unobstructed accessible route of egress travel from any accessible point in a building or facility to a public way.
- The intent self-evacuation as much as possible sometimes completed with assistance.

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Accessible MOE Options

- Assisted rescue when necessary
- Defend in place (i.e., hospitals, jails)
- Assisted evacuation at stairways
- Assisted evacuation at elevators with standby power



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Accessible Entry vs. Accessible Exit				
TERM	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE	REQUIRED #	
Accessible Entry	Consists of: •Exterior accessible route. •Accessible entrances. •Interior accessible route.	Elevator	60% of the entrances	
Accessible Exit	Consists of: •Exit access via interior accessible route. •Area of refuge/Exit. •Exit discharge.	Exit Stairway	1 AMOE with 1 MOE 2 AMOE with 2+ MOE	
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Pre-Planning for Emergencies Fire evacuation plans Fire safety plans Lockdown plans Associated drills Worked out with the building owner/renter and the fire department Updated annually or when necessitated by changes Available for review

Fire Evacuation Plans

- Emergency routes
- Strategy Evacuation or defend in place
- Critical equipment operation
- Assisted rescue procedures
- Verifying full evacuation
- Emergency responders
- Notification of occupants
- Notification of fire department
- Emergency voice/alarm communication system

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Fire Safety Plans

- Reporting emergency
- •Evacuation or relocation of all occupants
- •Site plans occupancy assembly point, fire hydrants, fire truck route
- Floor plans exits, routes, areas of refuge, fire alarm, extinguishers, fire hoses
- Major fire hazards
- Persons responsible

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Emergency Drills

- Assembly quarterly
- Business annually
- Educational monthly
- Factory annually
- Institutional quarterly on each shift
- Hotel quarterly on each shift
- Apartments/dorms 4 times annually
- Group homes quarterly on each shift
- High rise annually

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Visible Alarms All public spaces. All common spaces. Group I-1 (assisted living) and R-1 (hotel) units per Table 907.5.2.3.2. Future expansion for: Individual employee work areas. Smoke alarms in Group R-2 (apartments) units.

Notification & Communication

 Mass notification fire alarm signals in stadiums, arenas, and grandstands with more than 15,000 fixed seats now require captioned messages.





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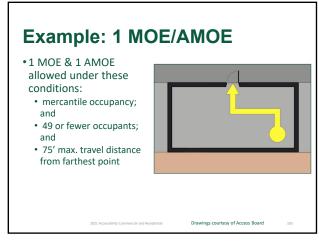
Stairway Signage • Visual signage within the stairway • Tactile signage indicating floor levels • Tactile signage at the door leading to the exit discharge

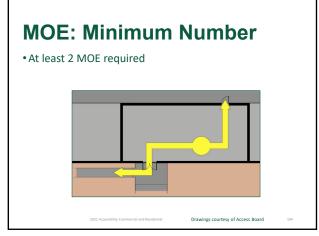




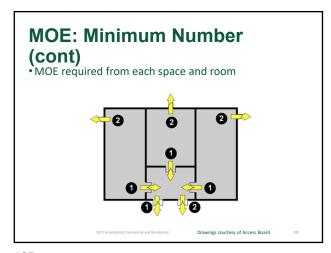
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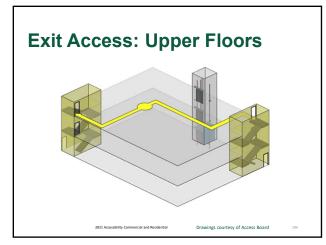
• Minimum number of AMOE required: • 1 AMOE - where 1 MOE required • 2 AMOE - if more than 1 MOE required • Exceptions: • Existing facilities • Areas that are not accessible • Must consider both the building and spaces within the building.

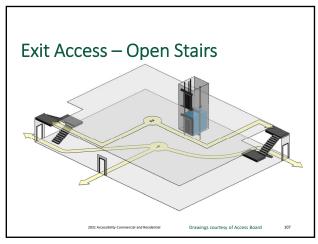




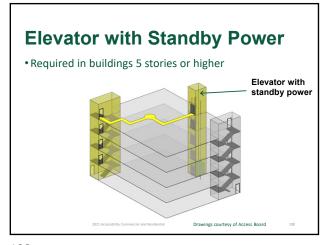
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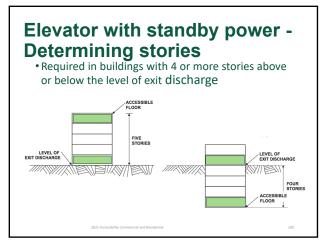






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Exit Discharge

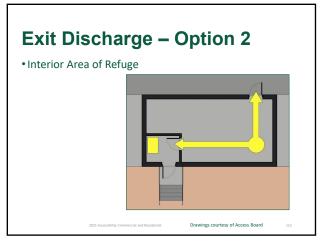
Only at the level of exit discharge

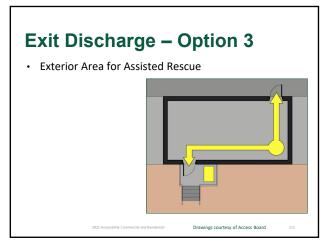
- Accessible route to a public way or
- Interior area of refuge or
- Exterior area for assisted rescue



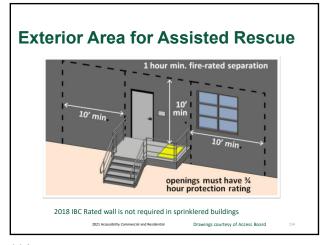
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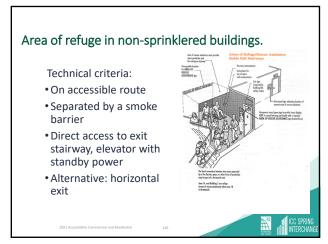




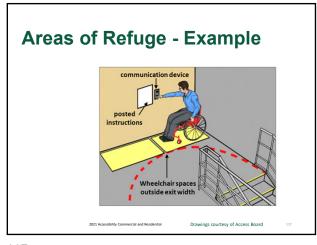
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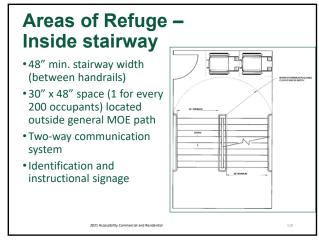


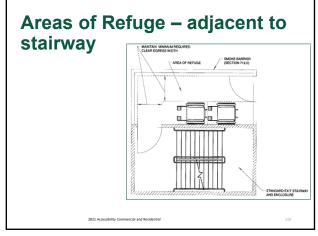




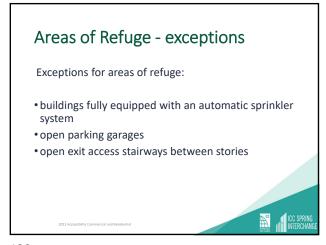
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Horizontal exit exception • A horizontal exit allows for slower evacuation of the building • Alternative for areas of refuge • Standby power not required at elevators where this is on all floors but the level of exit discharge Horizontal Exit Complient frow wal to barrier with a 2 hour min. The -easternor rating and Complient opening protectives. Including and Complient opening protectives. Including and Complient opening protectives.

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Open stairways Open stairway can be supplemental or part of a required MOE Open stairways for required MOE is mostly for two story buildings and with travel distance limitations (there are limited exceptions) Open stairways that are part of the required MOE can also serve as AMOE No area of refuge, even in nonsprinklered buildings



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• Two-way communication at the elevator

Occupied roofs

- Treated the same as a story for an accessible route and means of egress
- Occupied roof same as floor for AMOE
- Specifically indicated in 2021 IBC as a story for requiring elevators with standby power.



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Stages, platforms and orchestra pits

- Depending on size of stage – one or two ways off
- If platform lift used for AMOE then it has to have standby power



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Assembly seating

- Two ways out for every wheelchair space location
- Common path of travel for how far you can go back out the way you came in before you have two ways to go



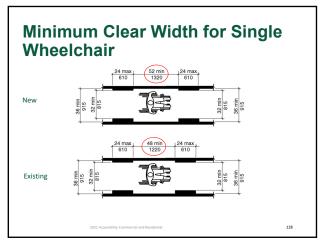
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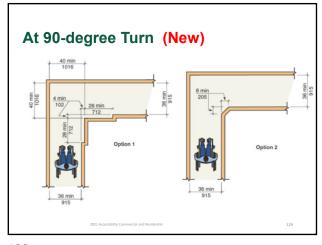
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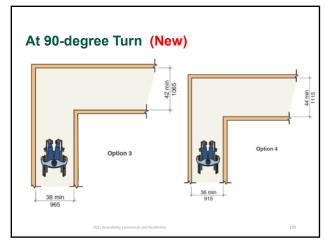
• Technical requirements.
• Doors.
• Elevators and Platform Lifts.
• Stairways and Ramps.

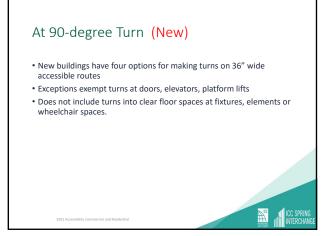
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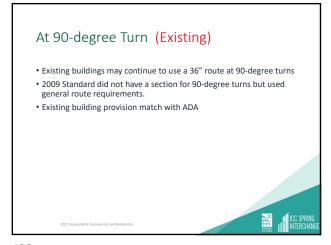
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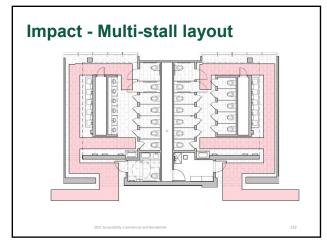


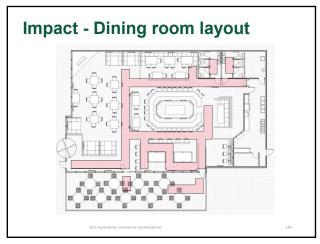




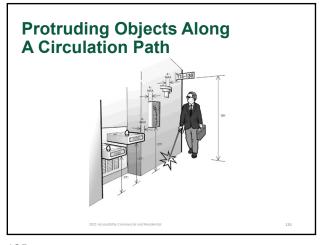
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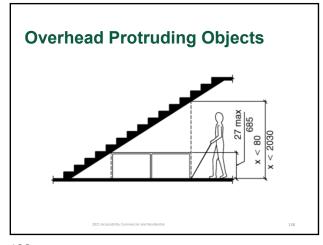
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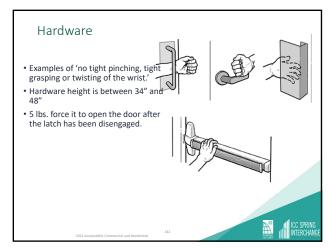






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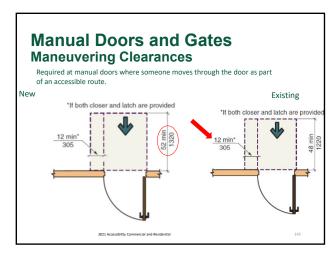


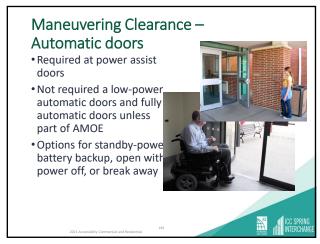




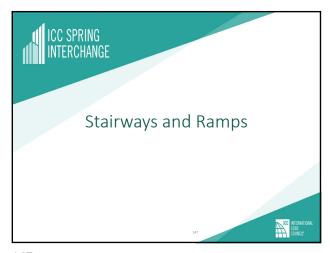
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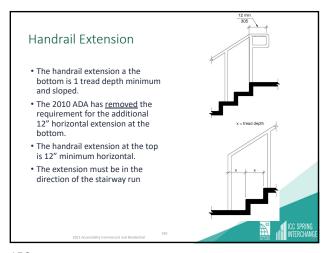


Not part of the accessible route into building. Part of an accessible means of egress out of building with assistance. Mainstreamed requirements with no reference to ICC A117.1. Safety provisions for persons with mobility and visually impairments addressed in IBC.

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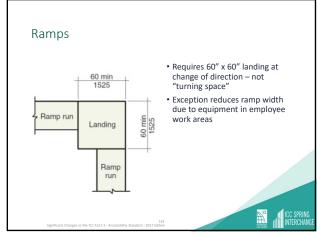
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Ramp Technical Criteria • >1:20 slope. • 1:12 slope maximum on accessible routes. • Change in level at start of ramp • Surfaces – slip resistant • Cross slope - < 1:48 • Minimum width – 36" between handrails • Maximum rise – 30" between landings • Adequate landings

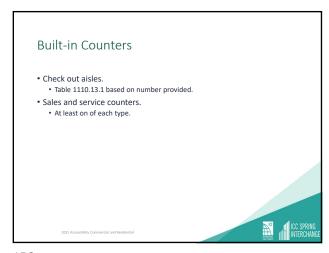
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Sales/Service Counters & Windows

- "Windows" added into requirements
- Regulates "public portion" "where counters are provided"
- Employee side is not regulated since it is a work area
- Clarifies small (<36" length) parallel counters are OK if that is entire counter length

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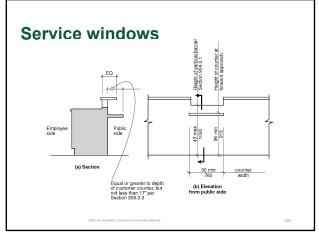
- Side or front approach
- Equal customer counter
- Maximum barrier height to allow for face-to-face contact between employee and customer
- Allowance for security windows



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Drinking Fountains (Scoping)

- 50% of drinking fountains provided on each floor configured for persons using wheelchairs.
- 50% of drinking fountains provided on each floor configured for standing persons.
- Exception for drinking fountains sized for children



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Drinking Fountains (Technical)

- Clear floor space/approach
- Protruding objects
- Operable parts
- Spout location
- Water flow



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Bottle Filling Stations

- Water bottle-filling stations, where provided, are to be accessible.
 - Stations located over drinking fountains for standing persons not required to be accessible, provided such stations are also located over the drinking fountains for persons using wheelchairs.
- Technical requirements found in A117.1 Section 602.4.
 - Clear floor space provided for either a forward or side approach
 - Controls to comply with operable parts requirements





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Toilet rooms

- Required fixtures per IPC.
- Designers choice for how required fixtures are separated:
 - Multi-stall toilet rooms
 - Single occupant toilet rooms
- \bullet All toilet rooms must be accessible per Chapter 6 of ICC A117.1.



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Exceptions

- Accessed through a private office.
- Non-accessible dwelling or sleeping units.
- \bullet 50% of each type of clustered single occupant toilet rooms.
- When only one urinal is provided in a toilet room, that urinal is not required to be accessible.
- Critical care or Intensive care.
- Allowance to design for children

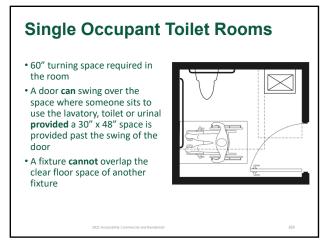


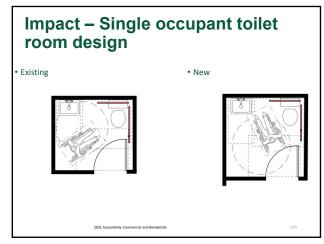
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Toilet and bathing rooms

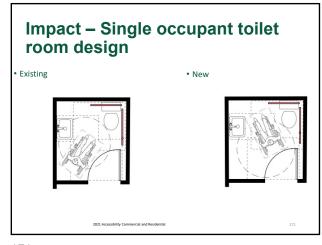
- \bullet One of each type of fixture provided in each toilet or bathin room:
 - Water closets
 - LavatoriesUrinals
 - Bathtubs/Showers
- When 6 or more water closets and/or urinals are provided in a room, an ambulatory stall is required.



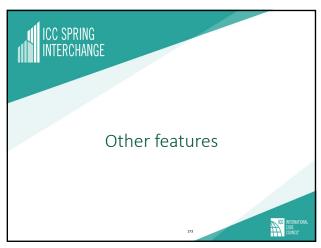




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Operable Parts

- A117.1 Section 309.1 is now referenced regarding those operable parts exempted from accessibility, allowing for the deletion of like exceptions in IBC.
- Five exceptions deleted from IBC to:
 - Eliminate redundancy and confusion
 - Maintain consistency between ICC A117.1 and IBC
- Exceptions addressed include:
 - One kitchen counter top outlet where two or more provided
 - One control, for other than light switches, where redundant controls are
 - · Electrical receptacles serving dedicated use
 - Floor electrical receptacles
 - HVAC diffusers



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Operable Parts 309.1, 1102.9, 1103.9 • Exceptions for operable parts moved from Chapter 11 to Section 309 • Allows exceptions to be used for all public areas and not just in the dwelling units • Eliminates exceptions in Accessible and Type A units • Primary changes are: • New exception 3 and 10

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Operable Parts 309.1, 1102.9, 1103.9

- Exception 3 covers outlets in kitchen. Limits include:
 - Location where parallel approach cannot be provided
 - Outlets are over counter in a corner
 - Excluded area < 9 sq. ft. in area
 - Excluded area is "between appliances"
- Exception 10 is for emergency devices used by emergency personnel, during emergencies



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Windows

- Separate force provisions for latch or operable parts versus window opening force
- Four forces on a <u>required</u> window locking, unlocking, opening and closing
 - Locking/unlocking are operable parts
 - Opening/closing AAMA 513



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Windows

Operating force for opening/closing windows:

- 8.5 pounds max. for vertical or horizontal sliding
- 5 pounds max. for all other types
- Type A units only regulate height and clear floor space
- Accessible and Type A units exempt windows in kitchens and
- \bullet $\underline{\text{Not}}$ required in Type B units



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Accessibility performance requirements

- •This is not mandatory retrofit
- •Existing buildings are improved as you alter, with the idea that they will become as accessible over time as technically feasible.
- •Whatever you touch, you fix.
- As long as you are making alterations, this is the best time to make improvements to the accessible route, bathrooms and drinking fountains that serve the area being altered.

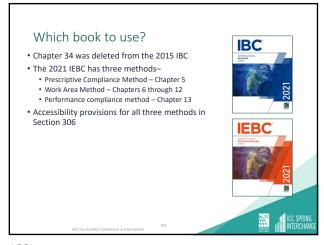
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Maintenance & Repair A facility that is constructed accessible must be maintained accessible.

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Extent of Application Alterations are not required to exceed the accessibility that would be required for a new building.

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Additions

- Additions must comply with new construction.
- If the addition relies on the toilet rooms or route through the existing building for access into the space, then the same accessible route provisions for alterations would apply.

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- Change of occupancy and alterations treated the same for improvements for accessibility.
- When altering an existing building, everything that is altered must meet requirements for accessibility.



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General Exceptions

- Accessible means of egress not required to be added.
- Technically infeasible.
- When historical significance is adversely affected.
- Type B units when the alteration is to less than 50% of the area of the building (Level 1 or 2)

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Technically Infeasible

- Removal or *alteration* of a load-bearing member that is an essential part of the structural frame
- Existing physical or site constraints



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Alterations to Existing Buildings – Part 2

- If the area being altered contains a primary function area, the route to that area and any toilet rooms or drinking fountains that serve that area must be evaluated for accessibility.
- If they are not accessible, additional improvements are required.

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Primary Function Area

- A major activity for which the facility is intended.
- Excluding areas such as:
 - Mechanical room or boiler room
 - Supply storage
 - Employee lounge or locker room
 - Janitors closet
 - Entrances
 - Corridors

• Restrooms

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Accessible Route Exceptions

- The cost of the accessible route exceeds 20% of the cost of the alteration.
- The alteration is limited to items that will not alter the physical configuration or use of the space.
- The alteration is to improve accessibility.
- The route is to Type B units only.



Technical Assistance

- ICC and A117.1 ICC, (888)422-7233; www.iccsafe.org.
- ADA Access Board, 800-872-2253(v), 800-993-2822(TTY), www.access-board.gov or email at ta@access-board.gov
- ADA ADA Technical Assistance Centers (800)949-4232; www.adata.org
- Fair Housing Fair Housing Accessibility First, (888)341-7781; www.fairhousingfirst.org.

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