

ADA SIGNAGE GUIDE

Custom ADA and Interior Signs

Unlimited Design Options

Fast Responsive Service

Premium Quality

Quick and Easy Ordering

100% ADA Compliant

Complete In-House Fabrication

Fast Turnaround Times

Exact Reorders



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This ADA Signage Guide was developed to give you a broad overview and understanding of the ADA sign regulations and products we manufacture. We have also included design tools, drawings and material options to help you create and order your ADA and interior signs.

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3 | ADA Sign Systems

The following pages will assist you in selecting the right sign types, styles and colors to develop a complete ADA and interior sign system. Signs can be easily customized with a unique material, color or company logo. See ordering instructions and options below.



How to Order

To order or specify, simply provide the information listed to the right.

All signs are fully customizable with your own text, colors and logo.

Sign Information

- ① Select your sign style Pages 4
- ② Select your sign colors Pages 5 - 6
- ③ Select your sign types Pages 9 - 16
- ④ Provide your text or message

Custom Options

- Custom background colors
- Custom logos, shapes and graphics
- Custom materials and finishes
- Custom sizes and layouts

4 | ADA Sign Styles

Below are just a few of the many shape and styles available to create an entire ADA sign system. Combine these styles with an endless array of colors and materials and you have an infinite number of design options. Custom logos and colors can be added to any sign.

One Panel



1A



1B



1C



1D



1E



1F

Two Panel



2A



2B



2C



2D



2E

Flip signs
for even more
options



2G



2H



2J



2K



2M



Three Panel



3A



3B



3C



3D



3E



3F

5 | Standard Colors

ADA laws require distinct contrast between background and lettering colors. Custom background colors are available. Approximate PMS equivalents are listed after each color name. Actual colors may vary from displayed or printed colors. Interior use. Exterior use as a single panel sign.



White



Cement (pms 422)



Driftwood (pms 416)



Charcoal Grey (pms 7540)



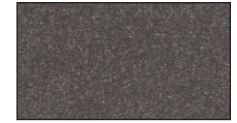
Dark Brown (pms 412)



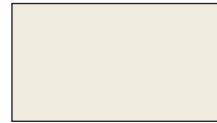
Black (pms 6)



Vintage Silver (pms 877)



Graphite



Ash (pms 7527)



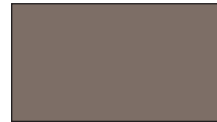
Sandalwood (pms 4685)



Parchment (pms 7528)



Beige (pms 7503)



Taupe (pms 410)



Cinder (pms 411)



Vintage Gold (pms 464)



Celadon (pms 5555)



Forest Green (pms 5477)



Hunter Green (pms 5535)



Bright Green (pms 348)



Teal Green (pms 562)



China Blue (pms 5405)



Medium Blue (pms 7692)



ADA Blue (pms 7462)



Blueberry (pms 654)



Dusty Rose (pms 4995)



Ruby (pms 209)



Red (pms 187)



Orange (pms 1665)

- Durable 1/8" or 1/4" non-glare acrylic - Impact and mar resistant
- Back Painted for superior resistance to fading or scratching
- CNC routed edges for a clean smooth finish (edges are not painted)
- 1/32" Tactile Lettering is bonded to the surface with 3M VHB
- Clear Raster Braille is embedded into the surface



Background Color

Lettering - Graphic Color

Backer Panel Color (Optional)

Accent Panel Color (Optional)

6 | Premium and Digital

Premium materials and full color digital offer truly unique and upscale options for ADA signs. Custom materials and finishes are available. See previous page for lettering and graphic color options. Actual colors may vary from displayed or printed colors. Interior use only.

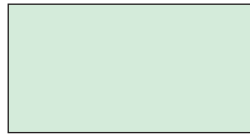
Premium Materials



- Premium material overlay - Impact and mar resistant
- Permanently bonded to 1/8" or 1/4" acrylic (black, white, brown or clear)
- CNC routed edges for a clean smooth finish (edges are not painted)
- 1/32" Tactile Lettering is bonded to the surface with 3M VHB
- Raster Braille is embedded into the surface



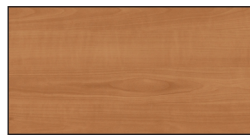
Satin Anodized Aluminum



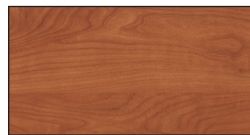
Photoluminescent



Wilsonart Kensington Maple

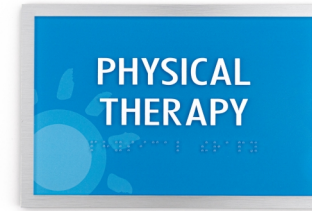


Wilsonart Fonthill Pear



Wilsonart Wild Cherry

Full Color Digital Print

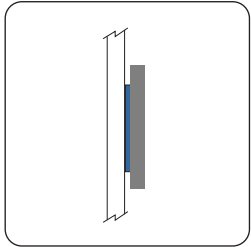


- Durable 1/8" or 1/4" non-glare acrylic - Impact and mar resistant
- High Res, Full Color Images are printed subsurface, directly to material
- CNC routed edges for a clean smooth finish (edges are not painted)
- 1/32" Tactile Lettering is bonded to the surface with 3M VHB
- Raster Braille is embedded into the surface

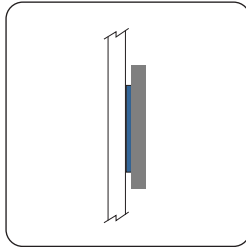


7 | Mounting Options

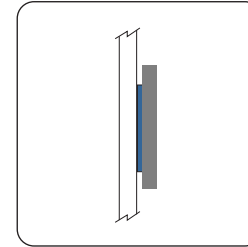
Standard mounting options are shown below. Always test the effectiveness and application of each option before actual installation. In most cases, a good silicone adhesive is also recommended when mounting signs.



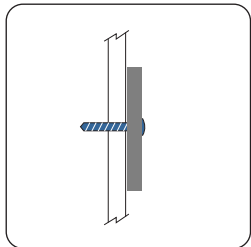
Double Faced Foam Tape
1/16" pressure sensitive foam tape. Best used in conjunction with silicone adhesive.



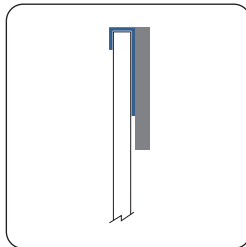
Double Faced Tape - Red
Thin 2mil pressure sensitive tape. Great for flat, smooth surfaces.



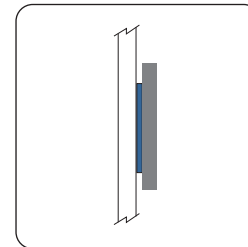
Velcro Hook (Loop)
For fabric surfaces such as office workstations. Always test first.



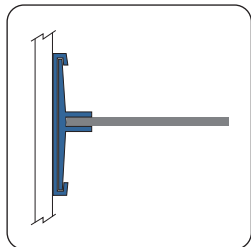
Screw Holes - Torx
3/16" screw holes with optional 1.5" vandal resistant button torx.



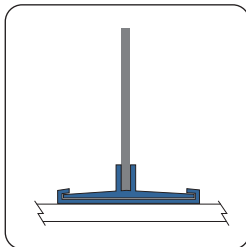
Partition Hook
Custom acrylic hooks available in black, white, or clear for any size partition.



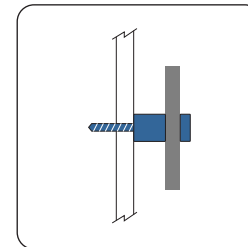
Magnetic Tape (Foil)
1/32" magnetic tape for steel surfaces or removable panels.



Wall or Ceiling Bracket
Anodized aluminum bracket in satin silver used for flag mounted or ceiling mounted signs. Sizes: 6" 9" 11"



Counter Bracket
Anodized aluminum bracket in satin silver used for counter top or workstation signs. Sizes: 6" 9" 11"



Standoffs
Standoffs offer an upscale mounting solution. Available in a satin silver aluminum finish.

8 | ADA Font Options

Our standard ADA fonts are shown below. Each font has been set up and modified to be 100% ADA compliant (correct spacing, size, stroke thickness, etc.) Other sans serif fonts can be set up to be ADA compliant for a fee.

ADOBE CLEAN - 1234567890

ARIAL MEDIUM - 1234567890

AVENIR MEDIUM - 1234567890

FRUTIGER MEDIUM - 1234567890

FUTURA DEMIBOLD - 1234567890

FUTURA MEDIUM - 1234567890

GOTHAM MEDIUM - 1234567890

HELVETICA MED - 1234567890

HELVETICA NEUE - 1234567890

HOUSCHKA DEMI - 1234567890

LUCINDA SANS - 1234567890

MYRIAD SEMI - 1234567890

OPEN SANS - 123456789

OPTIMA MEDIUM - 1234567890

PROXIMA NOVA - 1234567890

TREBUCHET MED - 1234567890

9 | Room and Office

Signs that identify a room, space or area are required to have raised characters and Braille. This requirements includes both public access areas as well as all employee areas. Add your text to any sign below. Other sizes, styles and layouts are available.



110 8x8"



114 8x8"



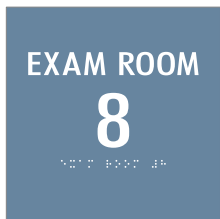
120 4.5x9"



140 5x5"



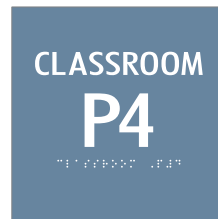
150 3x9"



180 7x7"



184 7x7"



186 7x7"



160 6x9"



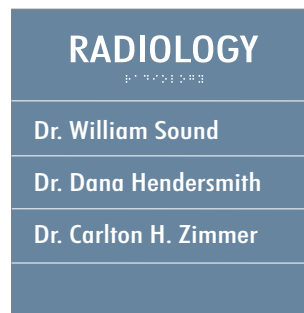
188 4x8"



190 9x9"



194 9x9"



130 10x10"

- Durable Non-Glare Modified Acrylic
- Back Painted, Digital or Overlay Background
- Precision Cut Tactile Characters
- Characters bonded under extreme pressure
- Braille embedded into the surface

10 | Changeable Message

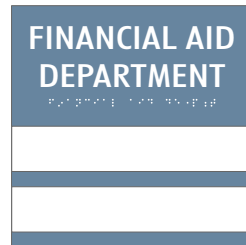
Changeable window slot signs offer the advantage of quick in-house changes. Simply print out a new name or message on paper and insert it into the clear window opening. Any size or number of slots can be fabricated. Add your text to any sign below.



210 8x8"



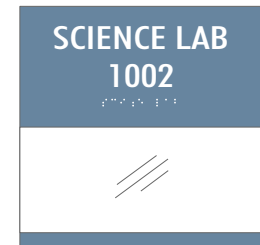
214 8x8"



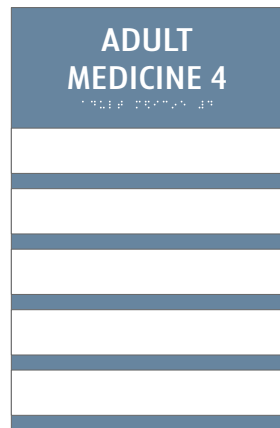
218 8x8"



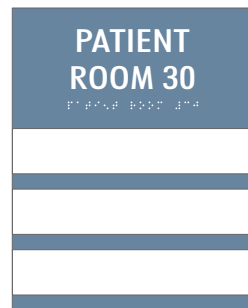
220 8x8"



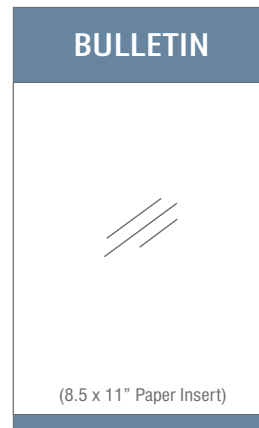
224 8x8"



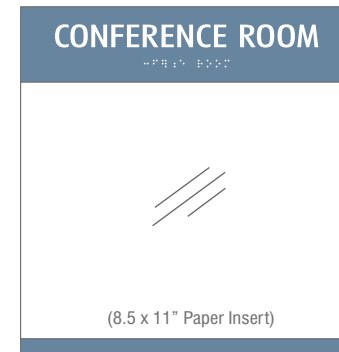
240 14x9"



244 10x8"



260 14x8.5"



250 11.5x11"



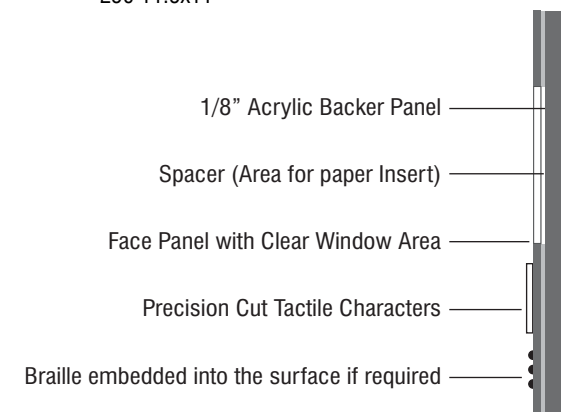
230 8x8"



234 8x8"



270 7x7"



11 | Restroom Signs

ADA restroom signs require raised lettering and Braille. The ISA symbol (wheelchair) should be added to the sign if the restroom is wheelchair accessible. Add your text to any sign below. Other sizes, styles and layouts are available.



360 8x8"



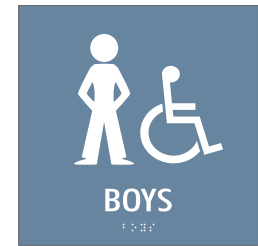
350 8x8"



340 8x8"



356 8x8"



346 8x8"



380 9x8"



384 9x8"



388 9x8"



382 9x8"



386 9x8"



396 11x9"



392 4x8"



390 9x12" Overhead

- Durable Non-Glare Modified Acrylic
- Back Painted, Digital or Overlay Background
- Precision Cut Tactile Characters
- Characters bonded under extreme pressure
- Braille embedded into the surface if required

12 | California Restrooms

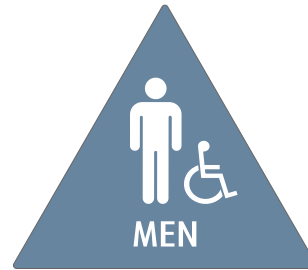
In addition to ADA wall signs (previous page), The State of California also requires a separate door sign. The sign must be 12" in size, a 1/4" thick and the background color must contrast with the door color. Single user restrooms are required to be unisex or gender neutral.



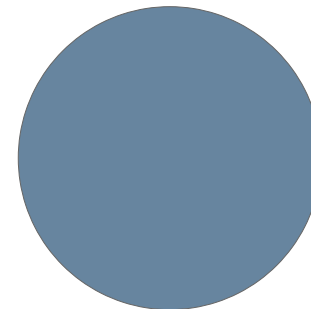
310 12"



330 12"



320 12"



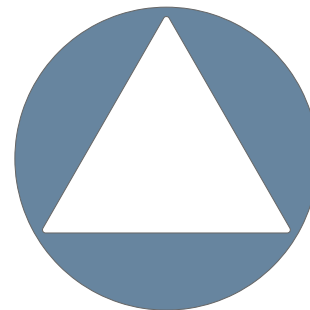
333 12"



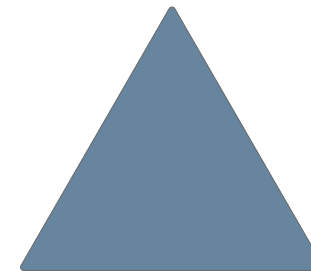
300 12"



304 12"



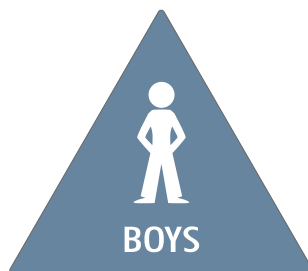
308 12"



322 12"



334 12"



324 12"



338 12"

- 1/4" Durable Non-Glare Modified Acrylic
- Back Painted, Digital or Overlay Background
- Tactile or Digital Printed Characters
- Characters bonded under extreme pressure
- No Braille Required

13 | Directional - Overhead

Directional signs provide clear access and wayfinding information throughout a building. Signs can be wall mounted, flag mounted or suspended from the ceiling. Any number of panels can be made to suit your needs. Other sizes, styles and layouts are available.

Dover Medical Center	
Nuclear Medicine	230
Medical Imaging Center	270
Occupational Health	290
Cardiopulmonary Center	330
Dermatology	360
Orthopedic Department	390

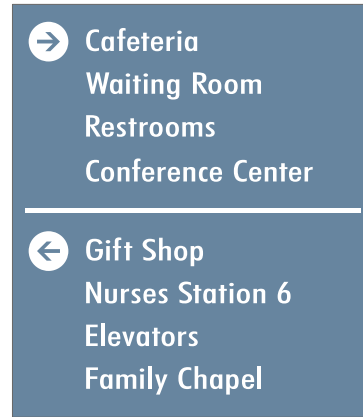
480 16.7x7"



420 7x46" Overhead



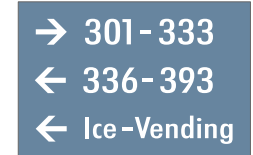
470 9x12" Overhead



440 16x14"

1st Floor	
Desmond and Desmond	←
Capitol Morning Report	←
Legislative Counsel Review	←
Smith, Watt and Martinez	→
Ventura County Star	→
High Speed Rail Authority	→

460 13x13"



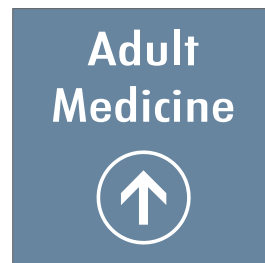
400 6x9"



410 6x9"

←	Waiting Room
→	Business Marketing
→	Conference Rooms
→	Human Resources
→	Elevators - Stairs

450 10x14"



430 9x9"



434 9x9"

- Durable Non-Glare Modified Acrylic
- Back Painted, Digital or Overlay Background
- Tactile or Digital Printed Characters
- Characters bonded under extreme pressure
- No Braille required

14 | Informational Signs

Informational signs can provide important instructions and messages to both visitors and employees. In most cases, they are not required to have raised characters and Braille, but may need to follow other ADA rules. Add your text to any sign below.



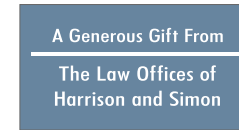
520 8x8"



524 8x8"



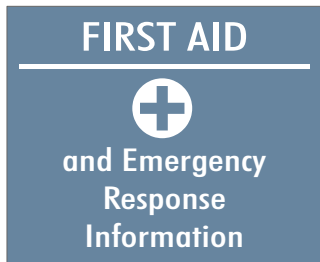
574 8x10"



560 4x8"



512 6x9"



570 9x11"



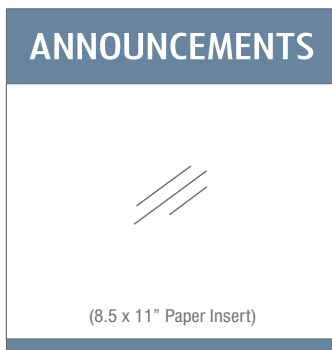
572 9x11"



530 9x11"



534 6x9"



510 11.5x11"



540 8x8"



580 11.5x9"

- Durable Non-Glare Modified Acrylic
- Back Painted, Digital or Overlay Background
- Tactile or Digital Printed Characters
- Characters bonded under extreme pressure
- No Braille required

15 | Stair & Code Signs

Stair and code signs are not only required, but can also provide vital information in an emergency. Check your local and state regulations for any code variances to the federal ADA laws. Add your text to any sign below. Other sizes, styles and layouts are available.



610 8x8"



630 8x8"



620 9x7"



626 9x7"



630 6x6"



660 12x12"



620 10x8"



668 18x12"



694 6x6"



690 6x6"



650 8x8"



640 8x8"

- Durable Non-Glare Modified Acrylic
- Back Painted, Digital or Overlay Background
- Tactile or Digital Printed Characters
- Characters bonded under extreme pressure
- Braille embedded into the surface if required

16 | Exit & Evacuation

Exit and evacuation signs help guide and direct people safely out of a building. Many require raised characters and Braille. Check your local and state regulations for any code variances to the federal ADA laws. Other sizes, styles and layouts are available.



770 6x6"



790 6x6"



720 6x6"



724 6x6"



728 6x6"



726 6x6"



710 7x11"



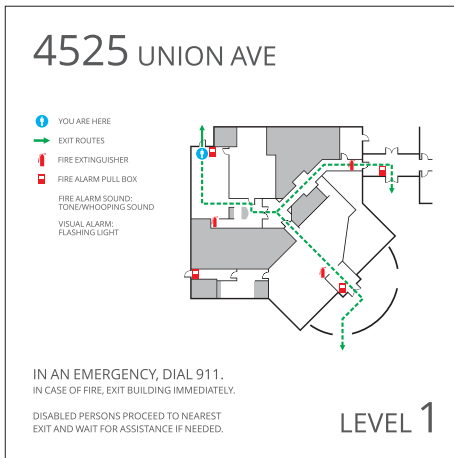
712 7x11"



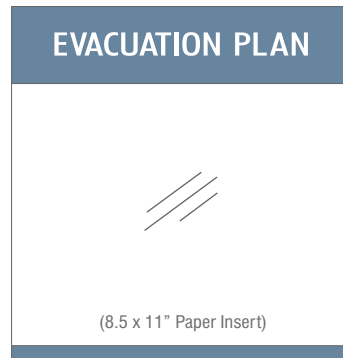
716 8x8"



730 6x11"



744 15 x 15"

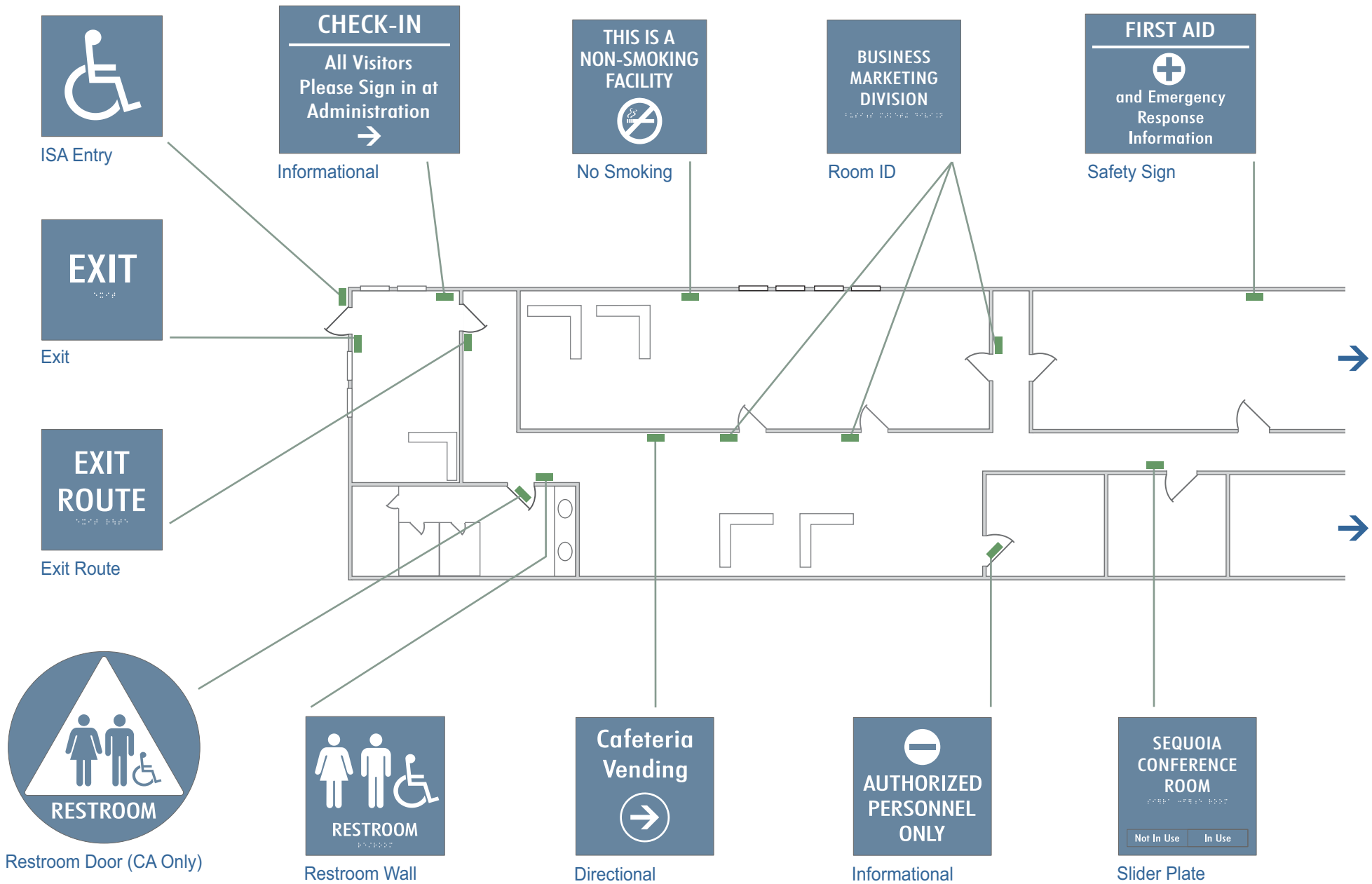


740 11.5x11"

- Durable Non-Glare Modified Acrylic
- Back Painted, Digital or Overlay Background
- Tactile or Digital Printed Characters
- Characters bonded under extreme pressure
- Braille embedded into the surface if required

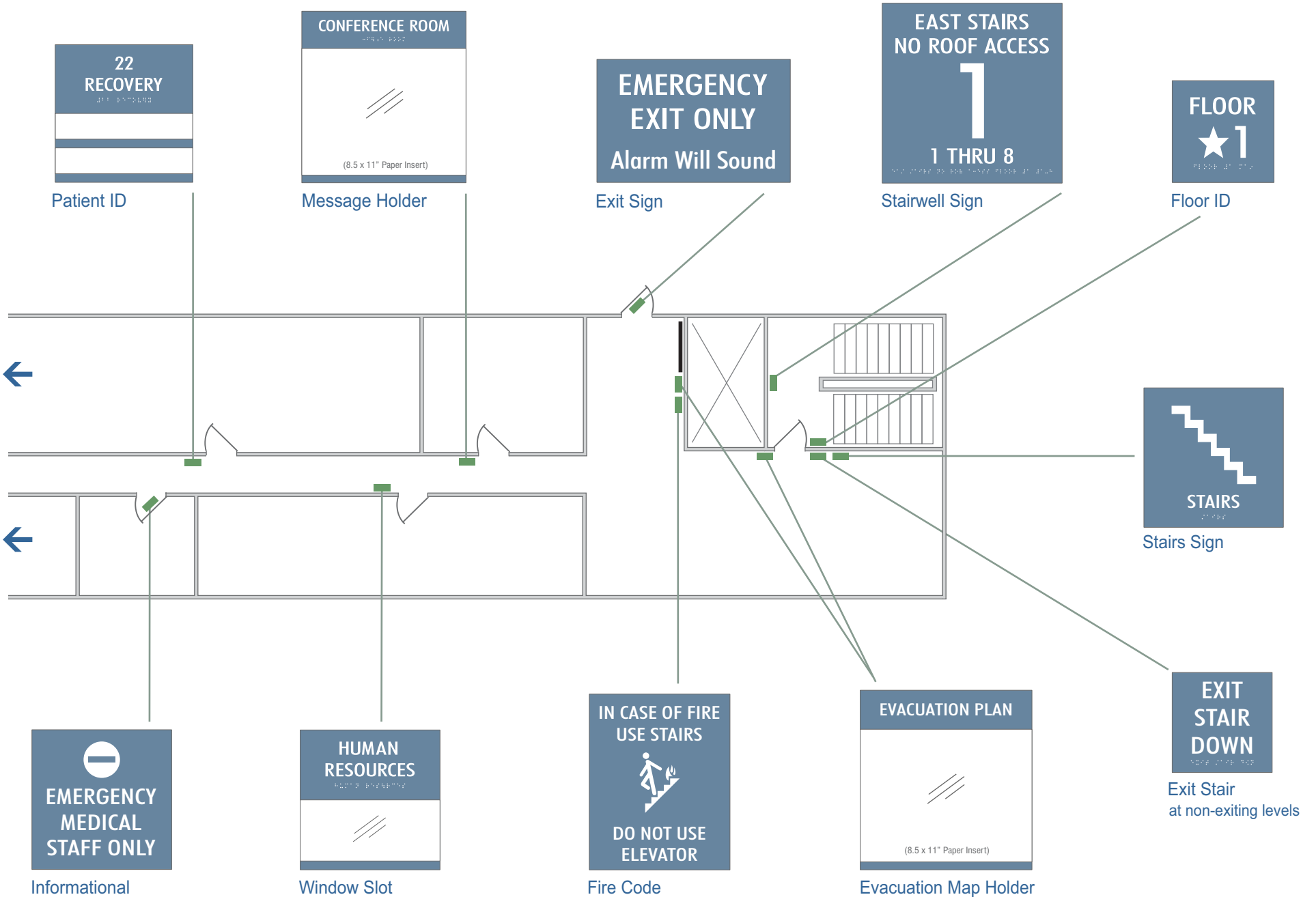
17 | ADA Floor Plan

Use the floor plan below and on the next page to see which ADA, code and other signs are required on a typical project. Signs are required for both public access areas as well as all employee areas. Check your local and state codes for any variances to federal ADA laws.



18 | ADA Floor Plan

Use the floor plan below and on the previous page to see which ADA, code and other signs are required on a typical project. Signs are required for both public access areas as well as all employee areas. Check your local and state codes for any variances to federal ADA laws.



19 | Sign Regulations

Laws regarding signage can exist on the national, state, or local level. The chart below helps illustrate this point. It is important to be aware that your particular state or local codes may vary or supersede federal ADA laws. Please read our entire ADA Signage Guide for more info.

Federal ADA

The Federal ADA law, for the most part, covers signs that identify, direct, or provide information regarding a particular room, area, or space.



State Regulations

Some states, such as California and New York, have additional laws or regulations that may vary or supersede federal requirements.



Local Level

Other sign types are governed at the local level (often by the fire marshal or building department) and can vary from area to area.



20 | ADA Sign Basics

Any sign that identifies a room, space or area is required to have raised characters and Braille. Below are the basic rules for such signs. Signs are required in both public access areas as well as all employee areas. Informational and directional signs do not require Braille or raised characters, however they are required to follow many of the other ADA rules. Please read our entire ADA Signage Guide for more information.



21 | ADA Sign Types

This chart illustrates the requirements for each of the four ADA sign types

Identification

Signs that identify a room, space, or area



Information

Signs that provide information about a room, space, or area



Directional

Signs that provide direction to a room, space, or area



Overhead

Wall, ceiling, and projection type signs, mounted overhead



Sign Finish

Non-Glare

Non-Glare

Non-Glare

Non-Glare

Sign Colors

Good Contrast

Good Contrast

Good Contrast

Good Contrast

Braille Required

Yes

No

No

No

Raised Characters

Yes

Not Required

Not Required

Not Required

Pictogram Requirements

Yes - See pg. 24

No Special Req.

No Special Req.

No Special Req.

Character Font

Sans Serif

Sans or Simple Serif

Sans or Simple Serif

Sans or Simple Serif

Character Height

5/8" - 2"

5/8" Minimum *

5/8" Minimum *

2" Minimum *

Character Case

All Uppercase

Upper and/or Lower

Upper and/or Lower

Upper and/or Lower

Character Spacing

1/8" - 4x Stroke

10 - 35% of Stroke

10 - 35% of Stroke

10 - 35% of Stroke

Character Stroke

15% Max of Character Height

10 - 30% Height

10 - 30% Height

10 - 30% Height

Mounting Requirements

See Page 28

None

None

Min. Clearance 80"

* See chart on page 26

Fonts for signs that identify a room or space are required to be sans serif and shall not be italic, oblique, script, or decorative. Furthermore, lettering can not be too bold, condensed, or extended as illustrated below.

Lettering Examples

ADA Compliant Issue

ADA Regulations

FUTURA MEDIUM

Lettering too Bold

Maximum stroke of 15% of character height

FUTURA MEDIUM

Lettering too Condensed

55% Minimum

FUTURA MEDIUM

Lettering too Extended

110% Maximum

Futura Medium

Uppercase and Lower Case

Character must be all Uppercase

FUTURA MEDIUM

Not enough Character Spacing

Minimum 1/8" inter-character spacing

FUTURA MEDIUM

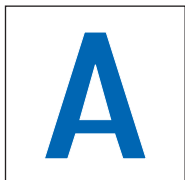
Lettering Italicized

Non-italicized

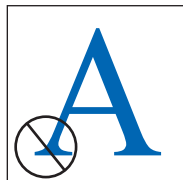
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Compliant: Sans Serif - All Uppercase - Proper Spacing

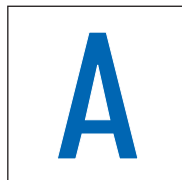
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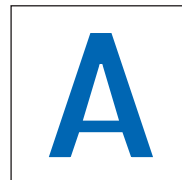
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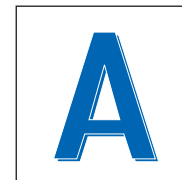
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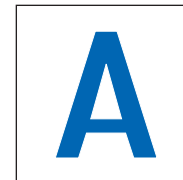
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Raised 1/32"



All Uppercase



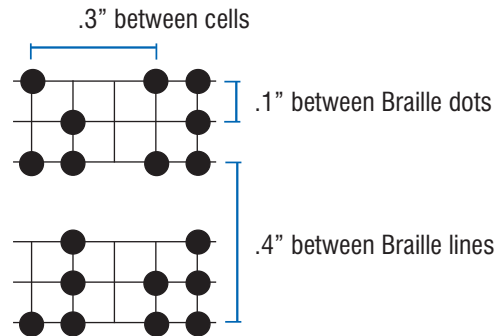
23 | Braille Requirements

There are many rules and guidelines when it comes to Braille. Proper size, shape, correct translation and placement ensure ease of reading and understanding.

Braille Regulations

- Braille shall be dome-shaped or rounded - Not flat or pointy
- Braille shall be Grade 2 and be precisely sized and spaced
- Braille shall be 3/8" to 1/2" below last line of text
- Braille shall be grouped all together - Not in two separate areas
- Braille shall be in lowercase except for the following:
 - Proper Name - George Jones California
 - Acronyms - U.S.A.
 - Beginning of sentence - Accessible restrooms...
 - A letter in a room number - B320

Braille Spacing

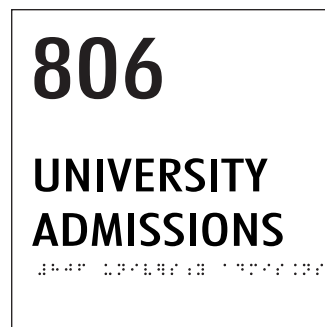


Braille Size and Shape

- — Distinct dome shape
- — .060 diameter at base
- — .025 in height

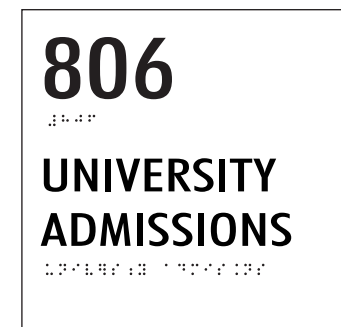
Compliant Braille

Braille all together below last line of text



Not Compliant Braille

Braille in two separate locations



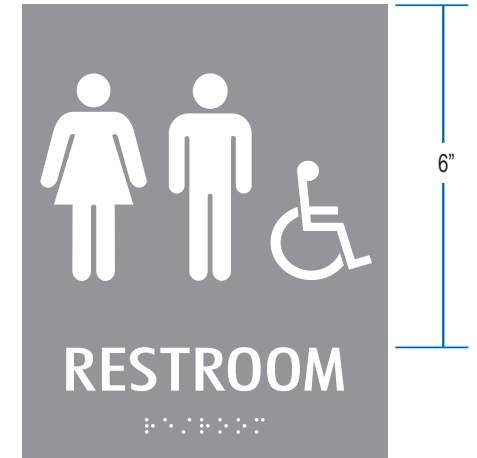
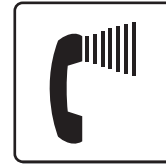
24 | ADA Pictograms

This chart depicts typical pictograms and their proper use. Pictograms used in identifying a room or space shall be within their own 6" high field. There is no specific rule on the height of the pictogram itself.

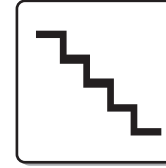
Required Pictograms:

6" high background field required.

No text or Braille shall be located within the pictogram field.



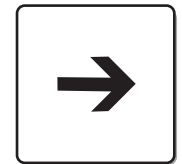
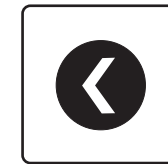
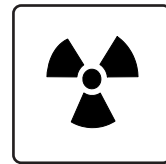
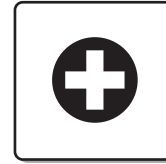
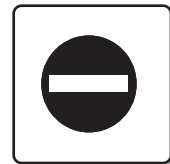
Room Sign Pictograms are not required, but are recommended. If used, a 6" high background field is required.



Miscellaneous Pictograms:

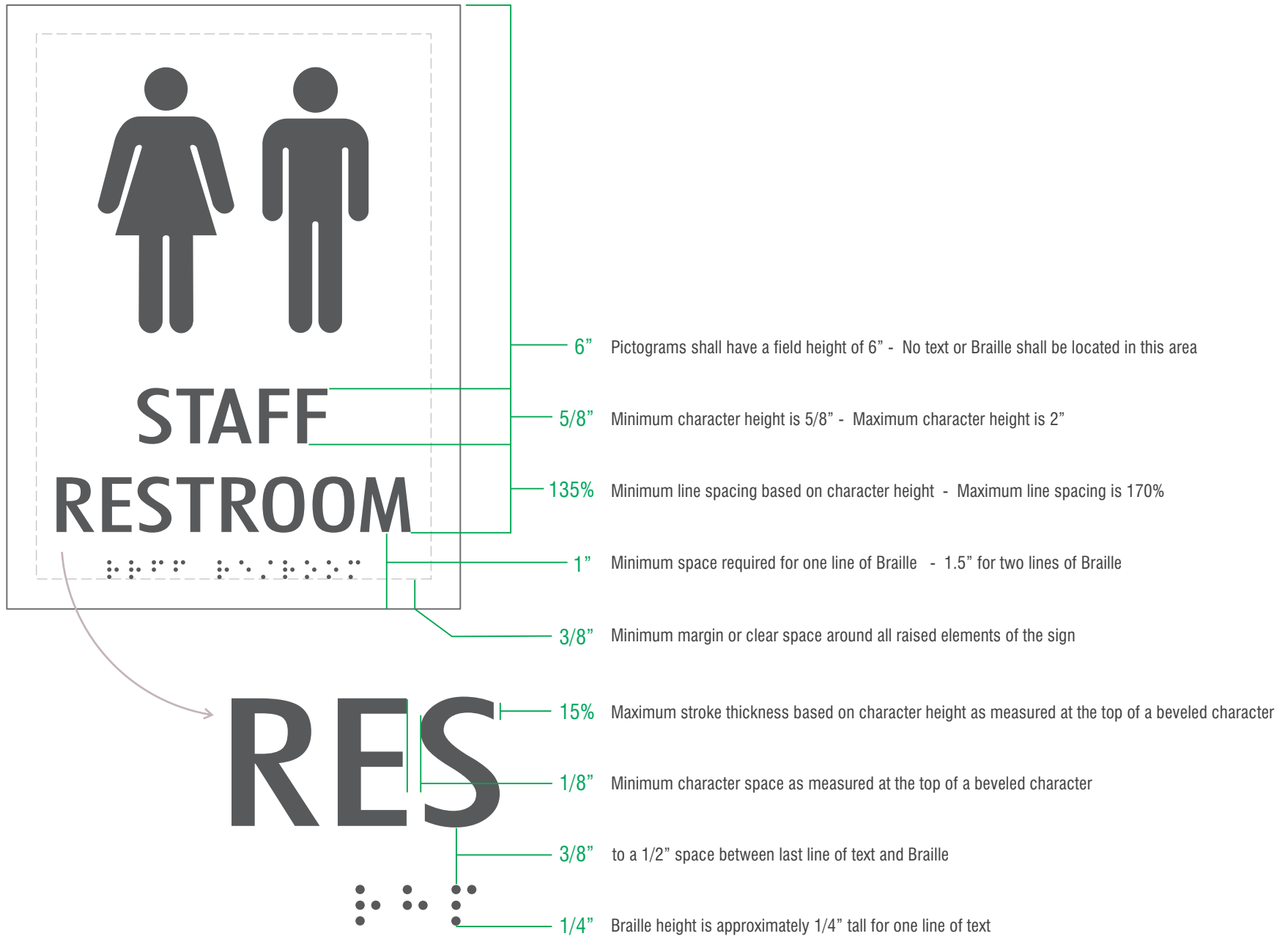
Informational or directional.

No field height requirement.



25 | Size and Spacing

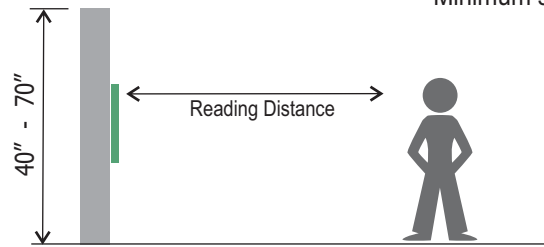
The proper spacing and size of different elements of an ADA sign is vital when someone is trying to read the sign visually or by touch. Characters, graphics, or Braille that are too close together or are too small make it hard to read or understand.



26 | Character Height

Use this chart to determine the required character size of your ADA sign based on the mounting height of the sign and the likely viewing distance. The minimum character height will be indicated in the corresponding box below.

Sign Mounted
between 40" - 70"

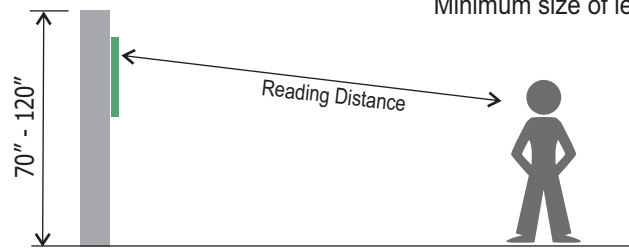


Distance sign is to be read →

Minimum size of lettering →

Under 6 Feet	7 Feet	8 - 9 Feet	10 - 11 Feet	12 - 13 Feet	14 - 15 Feet
5/8"	3/4"	1"	1.25"	1.5"	1.75"
16 - 17 Feet	18 - 19 Feet	20 - 21 Feet	22 - 23 Feet	24 - 25 Feet	26 - 27 Feet
2"	2.25"	2.5"	2.75"	3"	3.25"

Sign Mounted
between 70" - 120"

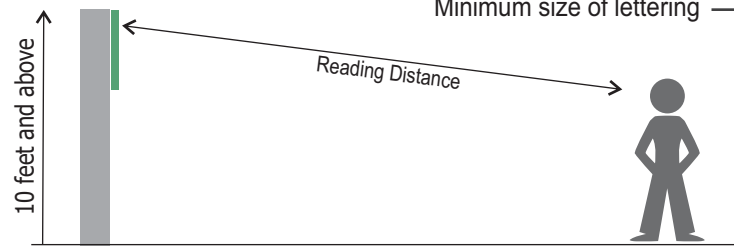


Distance sign is to be read →

Minimum size of lettering →

Under 15 Feet	16 - 17 Feet	18 - 19 Feet	20 - 21 Feet	22 - 23 Feet	24 - 25 Feet
2"	2.25"	2.5"	2.75"	3"	3.25"
26 - 27 Feet	28 - 29 Feet	30 - 31 Feet	32 - 33 Feet	34 - 35 Feet	36 - 37 Feet
3.5"	3.75"	4"	4.25"	5"	5.25"

Sign Mounted
over 120" (10 feet)



Distance sign is to be read →

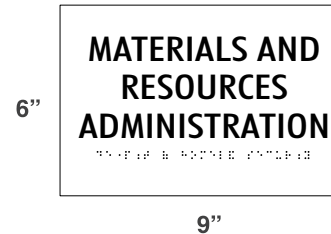
Minimum size of lettering →

Under 21 Feet	22 - 23 Feet	24 - 25 Feet	26 - 27 Feet	28 - 29 Feet	30 - 31 Feet
3"	3.25"	3.5"	3.75"	4"	4.25"
32 - 33 Feet	34 - 35 Feet	36 - 37 Feet	38 - 39 Feet	40 - 41 Feet	42 - 45 Feet
4.5"	4.75"	5"	5.25"	5.5"	6"

27 | Sign Sizing Chart

The two tables below were developed to help you determine the proper size of your ADA sign based on lettering height and the number of characters and lines per sign. It is best to keep like sign types all the same size.

- 1 - Select your letter size (We recommend a minimum of 3/4" letters).
- 2 - Determine the number of characters and spaces in the longest line of text.
- 3 - Determine the number of lines required.
- 4 - Use the tables below to determine the sign size. See example to the right.



The sign to the left has 3/4" letters with 13 characters / spaces across and 3 lines of copy. Using the two tables below, the sign would have to be at least 6 x 9" to be ADA compliant.

Length of Sign

	3"	4"	5"	6"	7"	8"	9"	10"	12"	14"	16"
5/8"	4	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	23	27	31
3/4"	3	5	7	9	11	12	13	15	19	21	24
7/8"	3	4	5	7	8	10	11	12	14	17	20
1"	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	13	14	15
1.25"	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	10	11

Maximum number of characters and spaces per line based on letter height and sign length

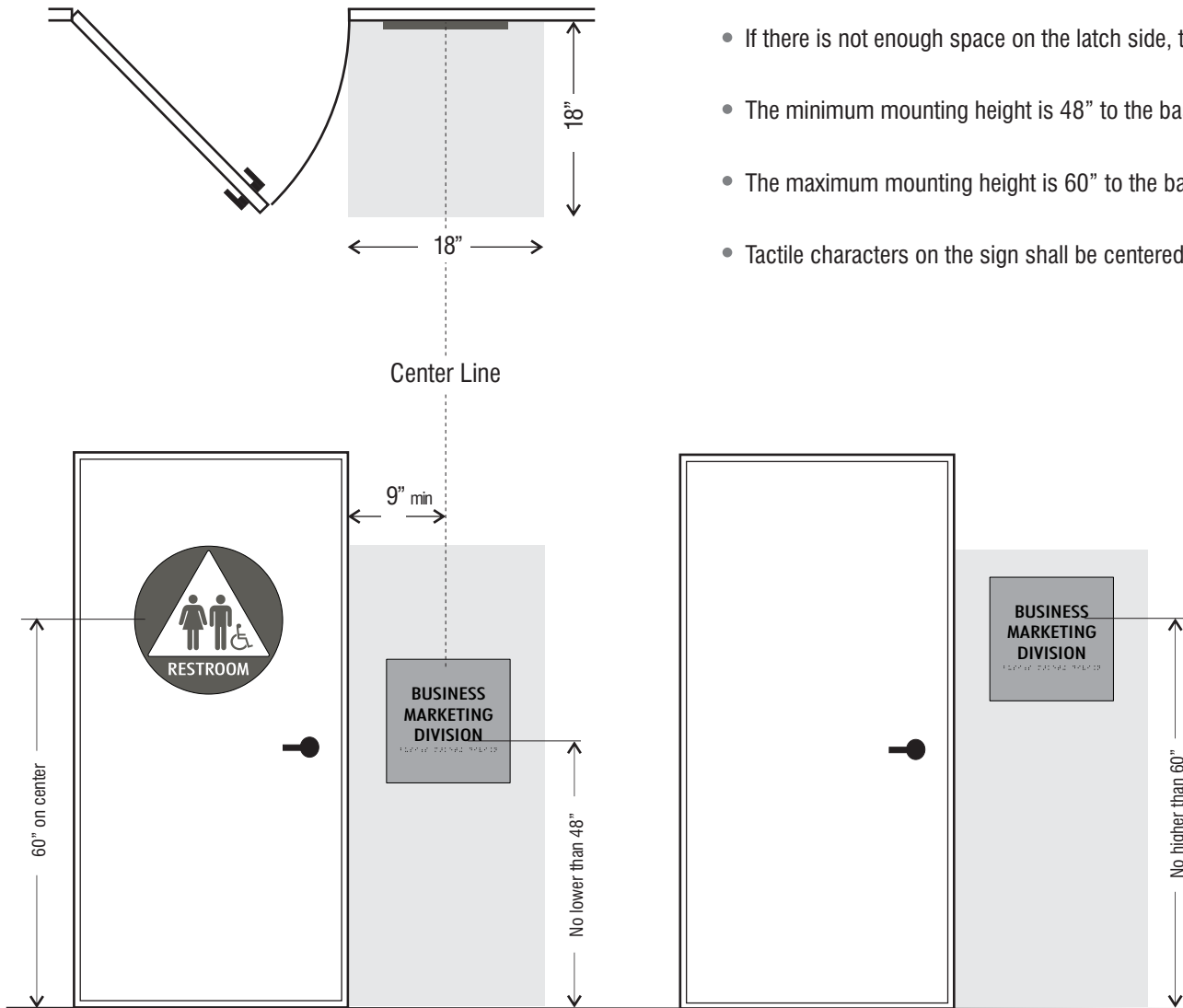
Height of Sign

	3"	4"	4.5"	6"	7"	8"	9"	10"	12"
5/8"	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3/4"	1	2	3	3	4	5	6	6	8
7/8"	1	2	2	3	4	4	5	5	7
1"	1	2	2	3	3	4	5	5	6
1.25"	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	4	5

Maximum number of lines allowed based on letter height

28 | Mounting Guidelines

Below are general guidelines for mounting room signs with raised characters and Braille. The mounting height has a range of acceptable heights. Always check with your state and local codes as well as your building inspector before installing signs.



- Room signs shall be mounted on the latch side of the door.
- If there is not enough space on the latch side, then the sign can be mounted on the nearest adjacent wall.
- The minimum mounting height is 48" to the baseline of the lowest line in the sign.
- The maximum mounting height is 60" to the baseline of the highest line in the sign.
- Tactile characters on the sign shall be centered within an minimum 18 x 18" clear floor space.

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