



## The ADA & Special Events

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### Special Events (Temporary)

- Festivals
- Fairs
- Carnivals
- Concerts
- Parades
- Music in the Parks
- Sporting Events & Tournaments

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### Application of Disability Law to Special Events

Section 504 Rehabilitation Act	ADA - Title II	ADA - Title III
<i>Events by federal agencies or programs. Example: Grand Canyon Star Party.</i>	<i>Events by units of state &amp; local government. Example: Monroe County Fair.</i>	<i>Events by public accommodations or groups. Example: Pride Festival.</i>
<small>Events produced by non-federal entities that receive federal funding or held on federal lands may be subject to Section 504.</small>	<small>Events produced by public accommodations that are held on state or local government property may be subject to Title II.</small>	
<b>Program Access</b> <small>"No otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States shall solely by reason of his disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance, or under any program or activity conducted by any Executive Agency..."</small>	<b>Program Access</b> <small>§35.150 - A public entity shall operate each service, program, or activity so that the service, program, or activity, when viewed in its entirety, is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.</small>	<b>Access to Goods &amp; Services</b> <small>§36.201 - No individual shall be discriminated against on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of any place of public accommodation by any private entity who owns, leases (or leases to), or operates a place of public accommodation.</small>
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### ADA Key Principles

- Equal opportunity to participate and enjoy the benefits afforded others
- Separate is not equal
- Most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of the individual
- Modification of policies, practices and procedures
- Individual choice, primary consideration
- No surcharges for auxiliary aids and services are prohibited

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### Modification of Policies, Practices and Procedures

- Changes to policies, practices and procedures to ensure people with disabilities can participate and benefit from the program, service or activity
- Required unless the modification would
  - Fundamentally alter the nature of the service, program, or activity
  - Be a direct threat
  - Be an undue administrative or financial burden

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## Effective Communication

- Auxiliary Aids and Services
  - Sign language interpreters
  - Readers
  - Assistive listening systems
  - Audio / video description
  - Captioning / real-time captioning
- Alternate Formats
  - Braille
  - Large print
  - Electronic format..... etc

Communication must be as effective for person with a disability as it is for others

- Nature of the communication
- Length/duration
- Complexity

Primary consideration must be given to the individual with a disability

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## Application of the Accessibility Standards to Special Events

- All facilities covered by ADA, including temporary events
  - 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
- State or local building code adopted by local jurisdiction
  - International Building Code
  - ANSI A117.1 Standard for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities



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## Visitor Experience

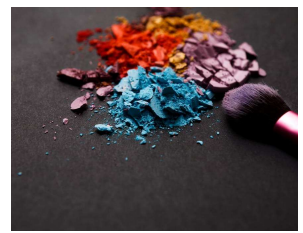
- Gather advance information about the event (parking, accessible features, special requests).
- Arrive on site.
- Find accessible parking.
- Navigate and wayfind from accessible parking to entrances, amenities, attractions.
- Enter exhibits, participate in activities, attend performances.
- Purchase food, beverage, and souvenirs.
- Access amenities (restrooms, drinking fountains, first aid stations, cooling centers, etc).



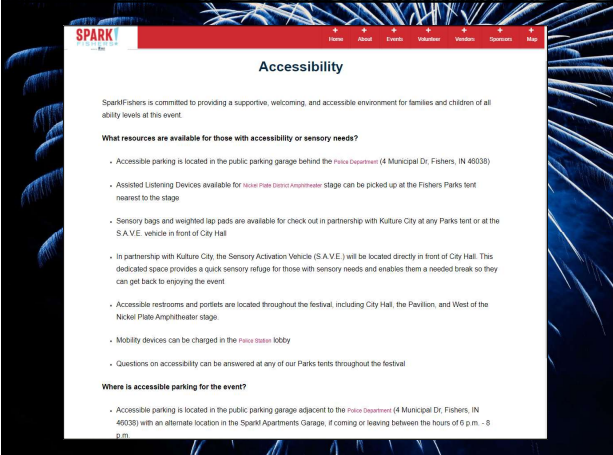
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## Advance Information

How is information on accessibility features communicated in advance of the event?



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**Accessibility**

SPARKfishers is committed to providing a supportive, welcoming, and accessible environment for families and children of all ability levels at this event.

**What resources are available for those with accessibility or sensory needs?**

- Accessible parking is located in the public parking garage behind the Police Department (4 Municipal Dr., Fishers, IN 46038)
- Assisted Listening Devices available for Nickel Plate Dinner Amphitheater stage can be picked up at the Fishers Parks tent nearest to the stage
- Sensory bags and weighted lap pads are available for check out in partnership with Culture City at any Parks tent or at the S.A.V.E. vehicle in front of City Hall
- In partnership with Culture City, the Sensory Activation Vehicle (S.A.V.E.) will be located directly in front of City Hall. This dedicated space provides a quick sensory refuge for those with sensory needs and enables them a needed break so they can get back to enjoying the event
- Accessible restrooms and portlets are located throughout the festival, including City Hall, the Pavilion, and West of the Nickel Plate Amphitheater stage.
- Mobility devices can be charged in the Police Station lobby
- Questions on accessibility can be answered at any of our Parks tents throughout the festival

**Where is accessible parking for the event?**

- Accessible parking is located in the public parking garage adjacent to the Police Department (4 Municipal Dr., Fishers, IN 46038) with an alternate location in the Spark Apartments Garage, if coming or leaving between the hours of 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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## Site Arrival


- Are there multiple site arrival points of entry to the event?
  - Sidewalks
  - Bus stops
  - Shuttles
  - Car / van parking
  - Passenger pick-up/drop-off (Uber/Lyft, taxi)
- Are all arrival points of entry accessible?
- Are barricades installed? Do they obstruct the accessible route?
- Is there signage to accessible points of entry if not all are accessible?



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### Parking

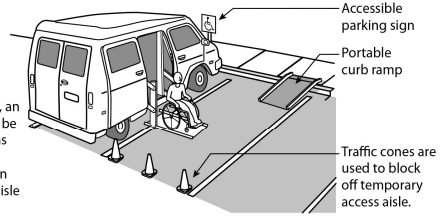
- Accessible parking spaces
- May require creating additional temporary accessible parking spaces
- Located on shortest accessible route
- Are there multiple site arrival points of entry to the event?



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### Temporary accessible parking



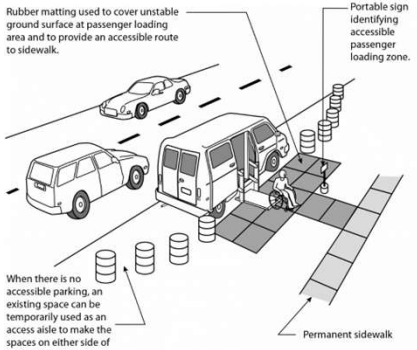
When there is no accessible parking, an existing space can be temporarily used as an access aisle to make the spaces on either side of the aisle accessible.

Temporary Modifications to Permanent Site Feature

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### Temporary passenger loading zone



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Temporary Passenger Loading Zone

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### Accessible Routes

- Accessible surface is firm, stable and slip resistant
- Running slope less than 5%
- Cross slope less than 2.08%
- Changes in level less than ¼ inch
- Openings less than ½ inch




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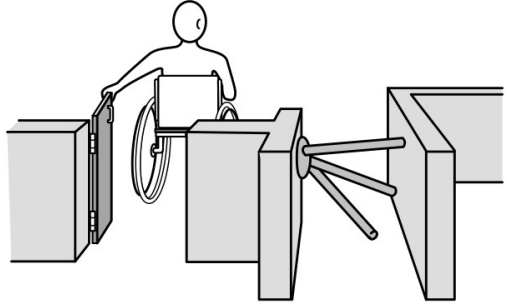
### Ticket Counters

- Wheelchair accessible service counter
- Section of counter max height 36" and at least 30" long for forward approach.



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Auxiliary Gate at Turnstile

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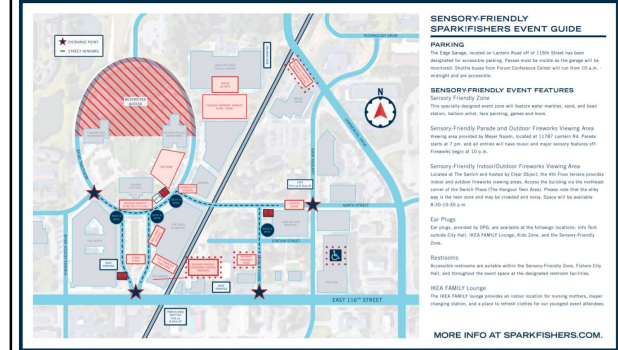
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### Information Booth

- Is information available on the accessibility features for the event?
- Are staff and volunteers trained on the accessibility features?



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### Assembly Areas

- Accessible routes
- Wheelchair accessible seating with shoulder to shoulder companion seating
- Seating in proximity to sign language interpreter and real-time captioning
- Access to the stage



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### Assistive Listening System/Devices

- Hardwired for assembly areas in new construction & alterations
- Portable systems
- FM & Digital
- Maintained in good working condition



Capacity of Seating in Assembly Area	Minimum Number of Required Receivers	Minimum Number of Receivers Required to be Hearing-aid Compatible
50 or less	2	2
51 to 200	2, plus 1 per 25 seats over 50 seats <sup>1</sup>	2
201 to 500	2, plus 1 per 25 seats over 50 seats <sup>1</sup>	1 per 4 receivers <sup>1</sup>
501 to 1000	20, plus 1 per 33 seats over 500 seats <sup>1</sup>	1 per 4 receivers <sup>1</sup>
1001 to 2000	35, plus 1 per 50 seats over 1000 seats <sup>1</sup>	1 per 4 receivers <sup>1</sup>
2001 and over	55, plus 1 per 100 seats over 2000 seats <sup>1</sup>	1 per 4 receivers <sup>1</sup>

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### Service Counters & Dining Areas

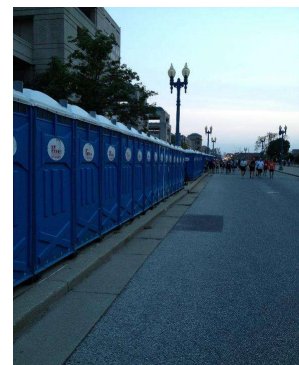
- Counter heights for permanent counters
- Staff/volunteer assistance at food trucks and mobile concessions
- Minimum 5% accessible seating at each dining area



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### Restrooms & Portalets

- Location of accessible restrooms
- Minimum 1 accessible portalet at each cluster
- Accessible handwash stations (if provided)



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### Exhibits, Vendor Booths & Rides

- Accessible routes to exhibits and booths
- Excursion and amusement rides



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### The Rose Parade

- 3 accessible viewing areas for people with disabilities and up to 4 guests
- 1 section for audio description for people with visual impairments
- 1 section with sign language interpreter



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## Program planning

#### Accessibility hat

- Lead with ADA compliance responsibility
- Seek input from disability organizations
- Train staff & volunteers on accessibility features for event

#### Site plan

- Parking
- Accessible routes
- Portalets & handwashing stations

#### Performances

- Auxiliary aids and services

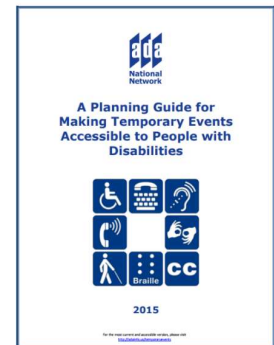
#### Event marketing

- Availability of accessible features
- How to request a disability-related accommodation

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### Resources

- A Planning Guide for Making Temporary Events Accessible to People with Disabilities  
<https://adata.org/guide/planning-guide-making-temporary-events-accessible-people-disabilities>
- National Network of ADA Centers (800) 949-4232



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