

## APPENDIX A: AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT GUIDELINES

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a comprehensive civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. The ADA requires that newly constructed and altered state and local government facilities, places of public accommodation, and commercial facilities be readily accessible to, and usable by, individuals with disabilities.

Specific regulations applying to the responsibilities of local governments are found in Title II of the ADA. Recreational facilities, including play areas, are among the facilities required to comply with the ADA.

For further information, "The Universal Access to Outdoor Recreation - a Design Guide," (available from: MIG Communications, 1802 Fifth Street, Berkeley, CA 94710, (510) 845-0953, fax (510) 845-8750) is an excellent source for accessibility guidelines relating to recreational facilities. Additional guidance can also be found in federal publications available through the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board - often referred to as the "Access Board." Their contact information is:

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