



ABLE policy regarding Wheelchair accessible accommodations

ABLE has adapted the ADA regulations regarding host homes for people with physical disabilities.

In some cases, the ADA exempts some facilities and or proprietors from commercial guidelines. In these cases, the contractor must comply with DI/DD guidelines unless the building codes in their area are more stringent. Contractors will need to follow both DI/DD guidelines and local building codes.

ADA regulations in regards to residential services:

“Private residences are not required to comply with ADA ramp access guidelines. However, if a permanent ramp is to be installed at a private residence the local building code will provide the guidelines by which the ramp is to be constructed.”

SUBCHAPTER III - PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS AND SERVICES OPERATED BY PRIVATE ENTITIES

Sec. 12181. Definitions

(7) Public accommodation

The following private entities are considered public accommodations for purposes of this subchapter, if the operations of such entities affect commerce

(A) an inn, hotel, motel, or other place of lodging, except for an establishment located within a building that contains not more than five rooms for rent or hire and that is actually occupied by the proprietor of such establishment as the residence of such proprietor;

DI/DD regulations: “The primary entrance (entrance most often utilized by family or other individuals) to the home is ramped. The ramp is in good repair and free from obstacles. The slope of the ramp is not too steep. The ramp is wide enough to maneuver the wheelchair and to allow for staff assistance as needed. The ramp should contain a guardrail or handrail and should be adequate to keep the wheelchair on the ramp (a bigger, heavier chair may need a stronger handrail or higher guardrail). The person should be able to move a wheelchair over any “lip” doorstep, or small step without any additional assistance or damage to the equipment.”

Owned / rented Single Family home: ADA regulations exempt the facility when the proprietor providing lodging is a resident of the facility. Defer to DI/DD regulations/ local building codes.

Apartment building: In lodging facilities with more than five units and multi-family dwellings, ADA regulations apply.