Accessibility Compliance Tools and Resources

Use these tools to assess barriers, plan, and take specific steps to increase access for people with disabilities.

A helpful tool to ensure compliance with ADA and Section 504 requirements is the National Endowment for the Arts' (NEA) Accessibility Planning and Resource Guide for Cultural Administrators. The guide is designed to help organizations not only comply with ADA and Section 504 but to assist in making access an integral part of planning, mission, programs, outreach, meetings, budget, and staffing.The NEA also provides forms designed to assist organizations in performing on-site evaluations of their organization's policies, programs, services, and facilities. Completing the Section 504 Self Evaluation Workbook or a similar evaluation such as Open Door Arts' Arts and Culture Self Assessment is required for grantees receiving federal funds.

Resource Links

- Open Door Arts: Arts and Culture Self Assessment
- Rocky Mountain ADA Center - Provide free training and resources, as well as paid consultations and plans
- Arts and Humanities Accessibility Checklist
- Abbreviated Accessibility Checklist
- Resources to Help Ensure Accessibility of Your Virtual Events for People with Disabilities
- Section 504 Self-Evaluation Workbook – Provided by the National Endowment for the Arts for organizations to evaluate their current state of accessibility of programs and activities.
- Accessibility Regulations Tip Sheet – A tip sheet from the NEA with information about 2010 revisions to ADA Regulations.
- NEA Webpage to Help Ensure Accessibility of Virtual Events for People with Disabilities – Ways to create an inclusive experience for your virtual and digital events

- 12 Step Plan to Access – Prepared and shared by Deborah Lewis from the ELA Foundation.
- Web Content Accessibility Guidelines – Guidelines and checklist for Web developers to use in making websites accessible to persons with disabilities, provided by the World Wide Web Consortium.
- The ADA National Network Disability Law Handbook – A broad overview of rights and obligations under federal disability laws.
- A style guide to help people use the correct language when talking about individuals living with disabilities. Created by the National Center on Disability and Journalism.
- Disability Access Symbols – The Graphic Artists Guild provides a free package of downloadable logos to use in publicizing your activities to people with disabilities. Their page also explains what the symbols stand for and when it is appropriate to use each one.
- Seven principles of universal design
- Benefits and Drivers of Universal Design
- 10 Principles of Disability Justice - principles for creating a more inclusive and equitable environment that values the diverse experiences and contributions of all citizens.

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