

Accessibility Guidelines for Play Areas

*A NEW Training Workshop Presented by the
National Playground Safety Institute (NPSI) and
United States Access Board*

About the training workshop

In 2000, the U.S. Access Board published its final rule on accessibility guidelines for play areas. These guidelines establish a minimum level of accessibility in newly constructed and altered play areas for children with disabilities. Unfortunately, many municipalities, operators, designers, and others involved in play areas do not have a basic understanding of the guidelines, and lack specific knowledge of many of the provisions. This workshop is aimed at improving the level of understanding in meeting requirements under the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) National Playground Safety Institute (NPSI) and the U.S. Access Board designed a NEW training workshop to better educate park and recreation professionals, designers, landscape architects, operators, restaurant owners, and others about the accessibility guidelines for play areas. These guidelines are now required for certain federal play areas covered by the ABA, and are awaiting adoption under the ADA as the enforceable standard for newly constructed and altered play areas.



What does the training workshop cover?

The workshop addresses topics such as where ramp access and transfer access is required; the required number of accessible play components; accessible play surfacing and other elements designed to provide a “minimum” level of accessibility for children with disabilities.

How do I find out more about the workshop?

The workshop will be available through NRPA beginning in 2007. For more information on the workshop, or how to offer it through your organization or agency call 800.626.NRPA (6772).



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