

ADA Signage Regulations

	Permanent Rooms	Directional/ Information	Overhead Signs	Temporary Signs
CHARACTER PROPORTION (ADA 4.30.2)				
Characters must have a width-to-height ratio between 3:5 and 1:1		●	●	○
Characters must have a stroke-to-height ratio between 1:5 and 1:10		●	●	○
CHARACTER HEIGHT (ADA 4.30.3)				
Characters must be sized according to the viewing distance		●		○
RAISED & BRAILLE CHARACTERS AND PICTOGRAM (Symbol) SIGNS (ADA 4.30.4)				
Tactile characters and Grade 2 Braille must be raised 1/32"	●			○
Tactile characters must be accompanied with Grade 2 Braille	●			○
Characters must be upper case, san serif or simple serif	●			○
Characters must be a minimum of 5/8" high, maximum 2" high	●	●		○
Characters must be a minimum of 3" high			●	
Equivalent verbal description must be placed directly below the pictogram (symbol)	●			○
Border dimension of the pictogram (symbol) must be 6" minimum height	●			○
FINISH AND CONTRAST (ADA 4.30.5)				
Characters and background must have an eggshell, matte or non-glare finish	●	●	●	○
Characters must contrast with the background (recommended 70%)	●	●	●	○
MOUNTING LOCATION & HEIGHT (ADA 4.30.6)				
Mount on the wall adjacent to the latch side of the door	●			○
Where there is no wall space, mount on the nearest adjacent wall	●			○
Mounting height of 60" from the floor to the centerline of the sign	●	●		○
Mounting location clear of protruding objects or door swing	●			○
Minimum 80" clearance between overhead sign and floor (ADA 4.4.2)			●	

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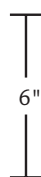
● Required

○ Optional

Suggested Viewing Distance Chart

Letter Size	Distance viewed from
5/8"	13ft.
3/4"	14ft.
1"	20ft.
1 1/2"	45ft.
2"	70ft.
2 1/2"	95 ft.
3"	120ft.

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On the sign, there should be at least a 6" x 6" area for the pictogram (symbol) with no graphic elements or text within the area.

Verbal description directly below the pictogram (symbol)

