

ADA guidelines for specific areas and features (halls, bathrooms, stairs, doors ramps, etc.) can be easily looked up under ADA accessibility guidelines <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/background/adaag>

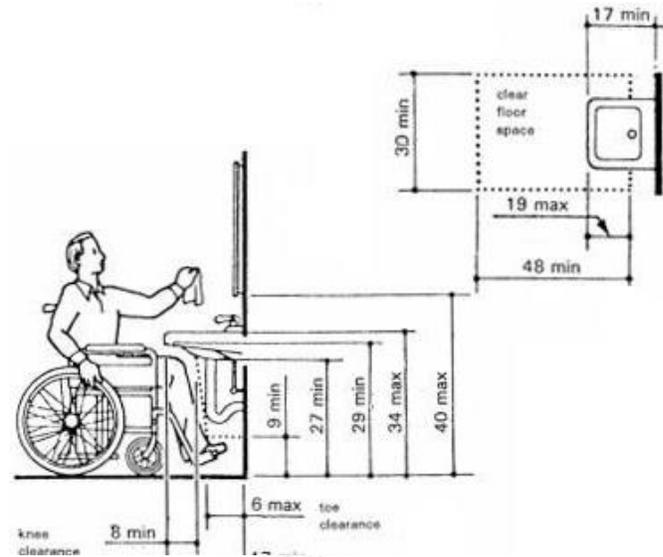
## Guidelines for ADA bathroom layouts

The [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#) has established minimum requirements for public restrooms and commercial bathrooms. These requirements apply to all government, state, local, parks, recreational centers, and commercial businesses for new and altered construction sites. Adherence to ADA guidelines is not optional; ADA is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities. State and local governments enforce the law through building codes that require compliance with the [2010 ADA standards](#).

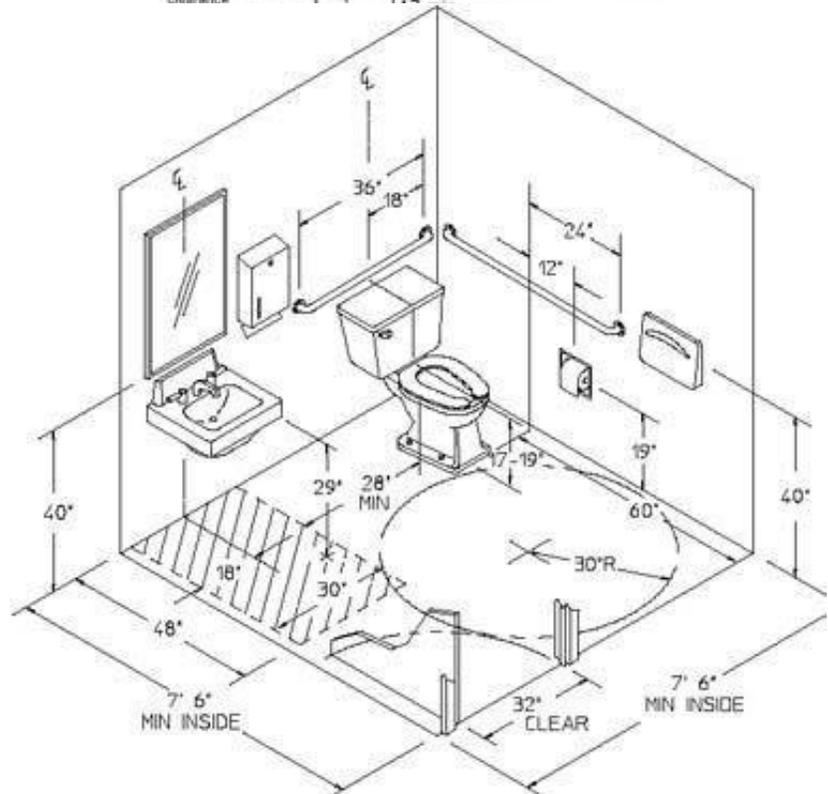
There are many guidelines to consider when planning an ADA bathroom. Restrooms must adhere to specific dimensions for grab bars, mirrors, sink, toilet, tissue dispenser, towel dispenser, seat covers, and hand soap dispensers.

## Overview of ADA bathroom layout requirements:

- For single handicapped restrooms there must be a 60" diameter for a wheel chair in the room (see drawing below).
- The grab bars are located off the back wall 33"-36" from the floor and are 36" width.
- Another grab bar 42" length is also used at 33"-36" from the floor off the wall on the side.
- Mirrors must be ADA approved and tilted.
- The bottom of the reflective mirror starts at 40" from the floor.
- Towel dispensers are mounted at 48" at the bottom of the dispenser from the floor. Toilet tissue dispensers are at 15"-19" from the floor.
- Seat cover dispensers are also at 15"-48" from where they grab the seat cover from the dispenser.
- Hand dryers require a 30"x 48" clear floor space and are mounted at a minimum 15" and no higher than 48" from the floor.
- Soap dispensers should be mounted no higher than 44" above the floor.



At right is an example of an ADA bathroom layout



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