



Work Zones & ADA Compliance

Pedestrian Accessibility in the Public Right of Way

DOT POLICY

The New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) requires accessible pedestrian paths through or around work zones. Pedestrians, including those with disabilities, need accessible and clear work-zone paths.

Contractors must take appropriate measures to ensure that work zones are properly protected. For visually or mobility-impaired people, blocked segments within the pedestrian path of travel can easily compromise their entire route.

ACHIEVING COMPLIANCE

Alternate Pedestrian Paths

Contractors must provide alternate paths when the ordinary pedestrian accessible route, such as the sidewalk, is obstructed by a temporary work zone. At minimum, the path should be 5 feet wide with firm, detectable and continuous barricades or other channeling devices.

Barricades

Essential to pedestrian safety, barricades must be firm, detectable, and securely in place. Contractors must place barricades:

- Between pedestrian access routes and adjacent construction sites.
- Between pedestrian paths and vehicular traffic.
- At the bottom of a pedestrian ramp when an opposite ramp is blocked.
- In front of hazardous objects protruding onto pedestrian paths.

Surfaces

All surfaces of pedestrian access routes must be firm, stable and slip-resistant.

Signage and Warnings

Place signage at nearest intersections surrounding a work zone. Signage and warning signs must be thoughtfully located to minimize backtracking.

ENSURING COMPLIANCE

Helpful tips to achieve an accessible work-zone facility:

- Provide advance notice within ample distance of your work zone that allows pedestrians to make appropriate travel decisions.
- Maintain a continuous accessible path with proper barriers at all times through the entire work zone.
- Provide an accessible path to the immediate surrounding facilities.
- Maintain curbs ramps and or temporary ramps clear of debris and accessible to all pedestrians at all times.
- Provide appropriate signage at curbs, crosswalks, intersections or any other area affected by your work zone.
- Provide work-zone information to help manage pedestrian flow through your temporary facility.

- Schedule and track routine sunrise and sunset inspections of your accessible path of travel.
- Comply with all requirements of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

REMEMBER THE LAW!

All pedestrian paths of travel around work zones must be accessible and compliant with Federal, State and local laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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