



## 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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