

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO ADA SIGNAGE

THE GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS FOR ADA COMPLIANT SIGNAGE MAY SEEM DAUNTING, BUT IF YOU KEEP A FEW SIMPLE "RULES OF THUMB" IN MIND WHILE DESIGNING YOUR SIGNS, IT'S EASY TO CREATE GREAT LOOKING SIGNS THAT ARE FULLY COMPLIANT. USE THIS REFERENCE GUIDE TO POINT YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

TEXT

Use simple, sans serif fonts, in a medium or bold weight. Do not use italics, scripts, or other hard-to-read styles. For tactile signs, all text must be UPPERCASE. For visual only signs, such as directories, directional signs or overhead signs, you can use lowercase letters.

A FEW FONTS THAT MEET ADA GUIDELINES

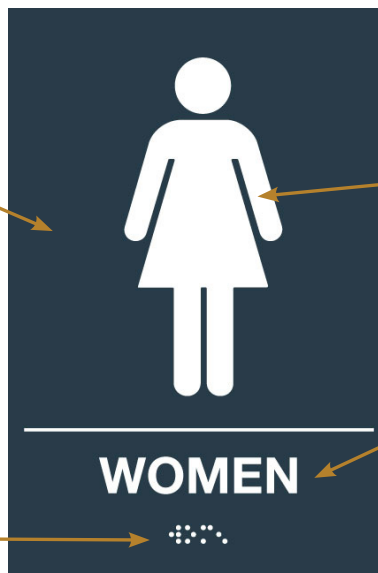
HELVETICA
FUTURA
TREBUCHET
VERANDA
VAG ROUNDED
OPTIMA
FRANKLIN GOTHIC
AVANT GARDE
FRUTIGER

6 inch high area with nothing in it except pictogram.

Letters and pictograms should contrast with their background, either dark on light, or light on dark.

Note that the Braille is directly below the text. This is where it should be.

Uppercase, sans serif font, 5/8 inch high minimum



Remember, on a tactile sign, all text must be UPPERCASE

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BRAILLE QUICK REFERENCE

Text on tactile signs must be accompanied by grade 2 Braille. Grade 2 is not a “letter for letter” translation of the text; it contains 265 contractions, single characters used to represent whole words or groups of letters. Accurate translation software is a must. We recommend Duxbury.

All Braille should be lowercase, except proper names (“Fred Jones”), letters which are part of a room number (“105A”), initials, acronyms, or the beginning of a sentence. Most translation software is case-sensitive, so if you type your text as lowercase, the Braille will be lowercase, and vice versa.

FOR EXAMPLE

WOMEN

CORRECT

Grade 2, Contracted



INCORRECT

Grade 1, “Letter for Letter”



ADA LAWS & REGULATIONS

EASY REFERENCE CHART FOR USA ADA COMPLIANT SIGNAGE (2010 STANDARDS)

	SIGNS WHICH DESIGNATE PERMANENT ROOMS AND SPACES: ROOM #S, RESTROOMS, EXIT SIGNS	SIGNS WHICH PROVIDE DIRECTION TO, OR INFORMATION ABOUT FUNCTIONAL SPACES	OVERHEAD SIGNS 80 INCHES (2030 MM) ABOVE THE FLOOR
TACTILE DEPTH	1/32 INCH(0.8 MM) MINIMUM	N/A	N/A
LETTER HEIGHT	5/8 -2 INCH (16-51 MM)	SIZED TO VIEWING DISTANCE	SIZED TO VIEWING DISTANCE
LETTER TYPE	UPPER CASE ONLY	UPPER OR LOWER CASE	UPPER OR LOWER CASE
LETTER STYLE	SANS SERIF CHARACTER WIDTH: 55-110% OF CHARACTER HEIGHT* CHARACTER STROKE: 15% MAX. OF CHARACTER HEIGHT* INTER-CHARACTER SPACING: 1/8 (3 MM) MIN. / 4X STROKE MAX.* 1/16 (1.6 MM) MIN. FOR BEVELED	SANS SERIF CHARACTER WIDTH: 55-110% OF CHARACTER HEIGHT* CHARACTER STROKE: 10-30% OF CHARACTER HEIGHT* INTER-CHARACTER SPACING: 10-35% OF CHARACTER HEIGHT*	SANS SERIF CHARACTER WIDTH: 55-110% OF CHARACTER HEIGHT* CHARACTER STROKE: 10-30% OF CHARACTER HEIGHT* INTER-CHARACTER SPACING: 10-35% OF CHARACTER HEIGHT*
PICTOGRAM	RAISED, INCISED, OR SUBSURFACE WITHIN 6 INCH (152 MM) FIELD MIN. VERBAL DESCRIPTION DIRECTLY BELOW THE FOLLOWING SYMBOLS MAY BE REQUIRED: 	N/A N/A N/A THE FOLLOWING SYMBOLS MAY BE USED: 	N/A N/A N/A THE FOLLOWING SYMBOLS MAY BE USED: 
BRAILLE	DOMED GRADE 2 BRAILLE DOT HEIGHT: .025-.037 INCH (0.6-0.9 MM) DOT DIAMETER: .059-.063 INCH (1.5-1.6 MM) INTERDOT SPACING: .090-.100 INCH (2.3-2.5 MM) HORIZONTAL CELL SEPARATION: .241-.300 INCH (6.1-7.6 MM) VERTICAL CELL SEPARATION: .395-.400 INCH (10.0-10.2 MM)	N/A	N/A
FINISH	CHARACTERS AND BACKGROUND: NON-GLARE FINISH.*	CHARACTERS AND BACKGROUND: NON-GLARE FINISH.	CHARACTERS AND BACKGROUND: NON-GLARE FINISH.
CONTRAST	CHARACTERS AND SYMBOLS MUST CONTRAST WITH BACKGROUND. LIGHT CHARACTERS/SYMBOLS ON DARK BACKGROUND (OR VICE VERSA).	CHARACTERS AND SYMBOLS MUST CONTRAST WITH BACKGROUND. LIGHT CHARACTERS/SYMBOLS ON DARK BACKGROUND (OR VICE VERSA).	CHARACTERS AND SYMBOLS MUST CONTRAST WITH BACKGROUND. LIGHT CHARACTERS/SYMBOLS ON DARK BACKGROUND (OR VICE VERSA).

*SEE ANSI 1 ADA GUIDELINES FOR MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION.