

Accessible to Handicapped and Handicapped Accessible With Facilities Check List

We have put together another check list that is important to our physically-handicapped and otherwise physically-impaired members. We are asking for the help of everyone in all of our Districts. The purpose of the check-list is to gather information to determine whether meetings designated as **Accessible to Handicapped** and **Handicapped Accessible With Facilities** are actually equipped as indicated to merit those designations. Our Schedule booklets have the wheelchair designation imprinted next to the meeting place referenced. As we attend our regular meetings that are wheelchair referenced, please take note of the checkpoints that need to be verified on the check list.

The importance of getting this done quickly is this: The holidays are almost here and that means more visitors coming in from out-of-town. These folks will be trying to find a meeting in the town they're in. If any of these visitors is in a wheelchair, he/she will be looking for an **Accessible To Handicapped** or a **Handicapped Accessible With Facilities** meeting from our Schedules booklet. If his/her standard wheelchair size width is 32", and the entrance door opening to that meeting is only 30" wide, that person now has a problem that he/she should not have had, given the information in the Schedules booklet. Remember the "broken shoelace" story?

Please, we need everyone's quick response to this request. The only problem we should have when we come to an AA room is alcohol. There should be no other obstacle to coming through those doors. The time is short before the holidays are here. We can't address everything on the check list. But the basics of getting into the room and out and using the restrooms should be met. If not, please let us know via our email address: specialneeds@ct-aa.org.

We will certainly appreciate all the help we can get ... those who depend upon those handicapped designations, especially!!

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