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MOUNTING OF PERMANENT ADA ROOM SIGNS

Mounting Height:
Mount your signage with the baseline of the Braille at 48" minimum above the finished floor and the baseline of tactile characters 60" maximum above the finished floor.

Mounting Location:
Where a door opens out, the centers of signs located near doors need to be at least 9" away from the door frame. (See Figure 1)

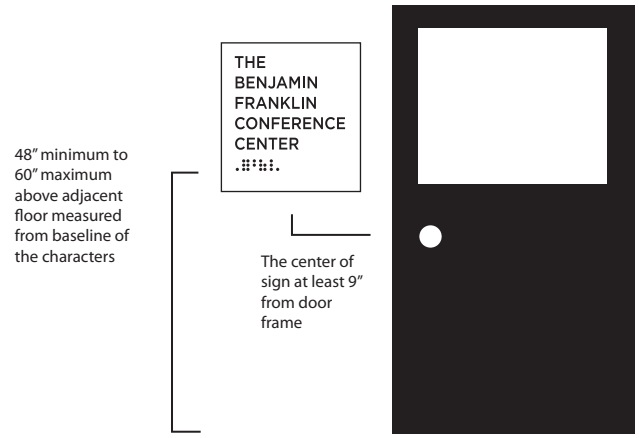
Single Door: Where a sign containing tactile characters is provided at a door, the sign shall be located alongside the door on the latch side. (See Figure 1)

Double Doors: Where a tactile sign is provided at double doors with one active leaf, the sign shall be located on the inactive leaf. Where a tactile sign is provided at double doors with two active leaves, the sign shall be to the right of the right hand door.

Push Doors: Signs shall be permitted on the push side of doors with closers and without hold-open devices.

IMPORTANT NOTE: WHERE THERE IS NO WALL SPACE on the latch side of a single door or to the right side of double doors, signs shall be located on the nearest adjacent wall. Such sign shall be located so that a clear floor space of 18" x 18" minimum, centered on the tactile characters, is provided beyond the arc of any door swing between the closed position and 45 degree open position.

FIGURE 1



Q: Do all signs need to be ADA compliant and have Braille and tactile letters?

A: No, there are a number of signs that are not required to be ADA compliant. Building addresses, directories, parking signs and temporary signs don't need to be ADA compliant. Temporary signs are those used for 7 days or less.

Q: Do I need ADA compliant signs in the stairwells of my building?

A: Yes, you are required to have a tactile sign next to each door inside a stairwell. These signs should identify the floor level, stair level and exit level. Some local fire codes have size requirements for these signs. Check with your local code authority.