

WHAT IS A PUBLIC LOCATION - ADA TITLE III ASSISTANCE MANUAL

What is a place of public accommodation? A place of public accommodation is a facility whose operations --

Affect commerce; and fall within at least one of the following 12 categories:

- 1) Places of lodging (e.g. inns, hotels, motels) (except for owner-occupied establishments renting fewer than six rooms)
- 2) Establishments serving food or drink (e.g. restaurants and bars)
- 3) Places of exhibition or entertainment (e.g. motion picture houses, theaters, concert halls, stadiums)
- 4) Places of public gathering (e.g. auditoriums, convention centers, lecture halls)
- 5) Sales or rental establishments (e.g. bakeries, grocery stores, hardware stores, shopping centers)
- 6) Service establishments (e.g. laundromats, dry-cleaners, banks, barber shops, beauty shops, travel services, shoe repair services, funeral parlors, gas stations, offices of accountants or lawyers, pharmacies, insurance offices, professional offices of health care providers, hospitals)
- 7) Public transportation terminals, depots, or stations (not including facilities relating to air transportation)
- 8) Places of public display or collection (e.g., museums, libraries, galleries)
- 9) Places of recreation (e.g. parks, zoos, amusement parks)
- *10) Places of education: (**We propose these subsections to meet the requirements of SB1406, Section 1. 54.27 i.3 – Definition of “Education Entity”**)
 - 10.1 – Regents of the University of California
 - 10.2 – Trustees of the California State University and California State University
 - 10.3 – California Community Colleges Office of the Chancellor and the California Community Colleges
 - 10.4 – K - 12
 - 10.5 – Any local education agency
- 11) Social service center establishments (e.g. day care centers, senior citizen centers, homeless shelters, food banks, adoption agencies)
- 12) Places of exercise or recreation (e.g. gymnasiums, health spas, bowling alleys, golf courses)

Can a facility be considered a place of public accommodation if it does not fall under one of these 12 categories? No, the 12 categories are an exhaustive list. However, within each category the examples given are just illustrations. For example, the category "sales or rental establishments" would include many facilities other than those specifically listed, such as video stores, carpet showrooms, and athletic equipment stores.

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