

Americans with Disability Act

The Advisory Committee on Compliance with the Americans with Disability Act is committed to ensuring that the Citizens of Toms River Township fully benefit from the Laws enacted by the ADA mandate; A mailbox is available in Town Hall at the main desk.

33 Washington Street, Toms River, Toms River Township, New Jersey, 08753, June, 2006 www.tomsrivertownship.com, ADA info will be updated regularly.

Monday, Jan. 7, 2008 ADA Meeting- revised Feb. 16

Mayor's Advisory Committee on Compliance with the Americans with Disability Act meets 6 times a year. In 2008 we will meet at 7:00 pm on Mondays, Jan.7, March 3, May 5, June 9, Sept.8, and Nov. 10, 7-9 in the Gallery Room. Please confirm dates before attending. All township departments are encouraged to send a representative to the meetings if possible. To add a topic to the agenda e-mail: r.ferris@worldnet.att.net.

2007 Meeting schedule

Monday January 8	Monday June 18
Monday March 5	Monday September 10
Monday May 1	Monday November 5

2008 Meeting schedule

Monday January 7	Monday June 9
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2007 Members are: Regina Ferris, Chairperson, Terry Guerrini, Ruth Fiedler, Susan Payne Gato, Rudolf Maneff, Jack Reuther, Jesse Avignone, Anne Avignone, Rich Marazo, Janet Figular, Evelyn LaBick, Anna Belnome, Jules Gilder, Barbara Ebert, Mark Wagner, William Mullen, Dorothy McDowell and Colleen O'Dell-Multer. John Winton is the Township Coordinator, 732-341-1000 ext. 8440.

The Committee welcomes visitors and new members. Call 732-929-3533 or 732-929-0027 or 732-864-0998 or attend a meeting.

For Developmental Disabilities go to the Mayor's page or call Fay Wilson 732-341-8455.

Asthma and Food Allergy are protected by the ADA and section 504, go to www.aafa.org or 1-800-7-asthma or 1-800-929-4040, www.foodallergy.org.

For more info on ADA go to www.unitedspinal.org or call 800-404-2898

Mission statement: Committed to working locally, as an information and knowledge resource to help people with disabilities develop and deliver their unified message by meeting the needs of Americans with diverse disabilities, by promoting awareness of the disability culture, by building bridges of understanding among all people and, there by, enhancing the collective quality of life and access to freedom.

ADA became the law in the United States in 1990. ADA information (800-514-0301 voice, 800-514-0383 TTY, www.ada.gov)

The ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, state and local government, public accommodations, commercial facilities, transportation, and telecommunications. It also applies to the United States congress.

To be protected by the ADA, one must have a disability or have a relationship or association with an individual with a disability. An individual with a disability is defined by the ADA as a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a person who has a history or record of such an impairment, or a person who is perceived by others as having such an impairment. The ADA does not specifically name all of the impairments that are covered.

ADA Title I: Employment (800-669-4000 voice, 800-669-6820 TTY)

Title I requires employers, including religious entities, with 15 or more employees to provide qualified individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to benefit from full range of employment-related opportunities available to others.

ADA Title II: State and local government activities (800-514-0301 voice, 800-514-0383 TTY)

Title II requires that state and local governments give people with disabilities an equal opportunity to benefit from all of their programs, services, and activities (e.g. Public education, employment, transportation, recreation, health care, social services, courts, voting, and town meetings).

State and local governments are required to follow specific architectural standards in the new construction and alteration of their buildings.

They also must relocate programs or otherwise provide access in inaccessible older buildings, and communicate effectively with people who have hearing, vision, or speech disabilities.

ADA Title II: public transportation (888-446-4511 voice/relay)

Public transportation authorities may not discriminate against people with disabilities in the provision of their services.

ADA Title III: Public accommodations (800-514-0301 voice, 800-514-0383 TTY)

ADA Title III: Covers businesses and nonprofit service providers that are public accommodations, privately operated entities offering certain types of courses and examinations, privately operated transportation, and commercial facilities. Public accommodations must comply with basic nondiscrimination requirements that prohibit exclusion, segregation, and unequal treatment. They also must comply with specific requirements related to architectural standards for new and altered buildings; reasonable modifications to policies, practices, and procedures; effective communication with people with hearing, vision, or speech disabilities; and other access requirements. Additionally, public accommodations must remove barriers in existing buildings where it is easy to do so without much difficulty or expense, given the public accommodation's resources.

ADA Title IV: Telecommunications relay services (888-225-5322 voice, 888-835-5322 TTY) amended 1996.

Title IV addresses telephone and television access for people with hearing and speech disabilities. Title IV also requires closed captioning of federally funded public service announcements.

Fair Housing Act, as amended in 1988, (202-708-2333 voice, 202-401-1247 TTY) prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, and national origin. Its coverage includes private housing, housing that receives federal financial assistance and state and local government housing.

Air Carrier Access Act (202-366-2220 voice, 202-366-0511 TTY)

The Air Carrier Access Act prohibits discrimination in air transportation by domestic and foreign air carriers.

Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act of 1984, generally requires polling places across the united states to be physically accessible to people with disabilities. (800-253-3931 voice/TTY)

**National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (800-253-3931 voice/TTY)
One of the basic purposes of the act is to increase the historically low registration rates of minorities and persons with disabilities that have resulted from discrimination.**

Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act authorizes the U.S. Attorney General to investigate conditions of confinement at state and local government. (202-514-6255 voice/TTY)

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act(idea)(202-205-5507 voice/TTY) requires public schools to make available to all eligible children with disabilities a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment appropriate to their individual needs.

Rehabilitation Act (800-514-0301 voice, 800-514-0383 TTY) prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs conducted by federal agencies, in programs receiving federal financial assistance, in federal employment, and in the employment practices of federal contractors.

Architectural Barriers Act (800-872-2253 voice, 800-993-2822 TTY) requires that buildings and facilities that are designed, constructed, or altered with federal funds, or leased by a federal agency, comply with federal standards for physical accessibility. Technical assist 800-949-4232 voice/TTY. www.adata.org.

Visitability is a new concept in housing design that provides access to homes for neighbors and relatives who have a disability. For more info on Visitable homes visit: www.ap.buffalo.edu. 716-829-3485x329 or TTY 877-237-4219x336

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights section- booklet, a guide to Disability Rights Laws, May 2002.