

## Federal ADAAG Sign Requirements

Adjacent wall signs that designate permanent rooms and spaces, or provide direction to or information about functional spaces of the building must comply with the ADA Standards for Accessible Design (ADAAG 703). Examples include offices, conference rooms, entrances, exits, stairways, lobbies, and restrooms. Below are the requirements of an ADA-compliant restroom sign.

**Finish and Contrast**

ADAAG 703.5.1

- Characters and background of ADA signs must be eggshell, matte, or another non-glare finish
- Characters and symbols must be a color that contrasts with the background

**Raised Character**

ADAAG 703.2

- Raised character height must be a minimum of 5/8" and a maximum of 2"
- Signs with braille must have all upper-case text

**Pictogram Field**

ADAAG 703.6.1

- Positioned at the top of the sign
- Minimum 6" tall
- Characters and braille are placed below the pictogram but not in the pictogram field

**Braille**

ADAAG 703.3

- Must be Grade 2 braille
- If the characters are multi-line, the braille should be below all the characters and repeat the tactile text

## Sign Mounting Requirements

Updates to the California Building Code (CBC) Chapter 11B made by the Division of the State Architect (DSA), which took effect in March 2017, allows the use of designation wall signs without pictograms, but does not require the use of one.

If a wall-mounted designation sign identifying a permanent room or space is used, the sign must meet the technical requirements for braille, raised characters, visual characters, as well as the accessibility requirements for clear floor space, mounting height, and proximity to door/entrance of the room. A pictogram is not required. If a pictogram is used, however, all technical requirements as outlined by the ADAAG must accompany it. Furthermore, the DSA does not specify the text or pictogram for the designation sign, which are both subject to the discretion of the facility owner/operator.

For additional information about ADA rules and regulations or Title 24 Requirements, visit [www.bsc.ca.gov/codes](http://www.bsc.ca.gov/codes)

