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## Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The ADA is a civil rights law that protects people with different types of disabilities from discrimination in all aspects of social life. More specifically, Title II of the ADA requires that all programs offered through the state and local government such as the City and County of San Francisco must be accessible and usable to people with disabilities.

# Rights under the ADA

The ADA and City policy require that people with disabilities have equal access to all City services, activities, and benefits. People with disabilities must have an equal opportunity to participate in the programs and services offered through the City and County of San Francisco. If you believe your rights under the ADA are violated, contact the ADA Coordinator.

Ordinance 90-10 added Section 2A.22.3 to the Administrative Code, which adopted a Citywide Americans with Disabilities Act Reasonable Modification Policy that requires City departments to: (1) provide notice to the public of the right to request reasonable modification; (2) respond promptly to such requests; (3) provide appropriate auxiliary aids and services to people with disabilities to ensure effective communication; and (4) train staff to respond to requests from the public for reasonable modification, and that requires the Mayor's Office on Disability

to provide technical assistance to City departments responding to requests from the public for reasonable modifications.

The Board of Supervisors and Office of the Clerk of the Board support the Mayor's Office on Disability to help make San Francisco a city where all people enjoy equal rights, equal opportunity, and freedom from illegal discrimination under disability rights laws.

# **Disability Access**

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Further Assistance: If further assistance is needed, please contact our office ADA Coordinator and/or the Mayor's Office on Disability.

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