# Elevators and Lifts

Congregational Worksheet on Accessibility

for greater inclusion for Disabled UU’s

Full participation in all aspects of congregational life for people with disabilities is the aspiration for UU congregations. This is a big undertaking and one that is ongoing. **Accessibility is only one part of this, but it is essential. Here, we cover one of the many areas within congregational accessibility.** As new technologies emerge, this list will change. Additionally, the brief accessibility checklist is not complete or specific to you. This checklist is meant to start the conversation. Your building, grounds, or policies are unique to your congregation. We encourage everyone to participate, either through a survey created for your congregation, or helping with or giving input, on accessibility projects.

Each worksheet has four sections and should be revisited for updates.

1. Links to EDUCATIONAL RESOURCESwith detailed information.
2. CHECKLIST:
   1. Check **Yes or No** as it applies at this moment even if you have plans to add this accessibility in the future.
   2. Mark **NA** if it does not nor ever will apply. For example, an elevator would never be installed in a single-story building with no basement.
   3. In the **Action** column, note what needs to happen next. Does another committee need to be involved? If so, what committee? Would this item be best handled by someone on the staff? Use the **Notes** for additional space.
3. SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER poses questions to start conversations on dismantling ableism in your congregation.
4. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES are articles, blog posts, activities, and other information that is current and will be revised every three months.

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| Educational Links: Elevators Specs for Buildings <http://www.buildings.com/articles/34126/ada-elevators-what-are-requirements>  US Access Board Elevators and Platform Lifts <https://www.access-board.gov/files/ada/guides/elevators.pdf>  ADA Compliance Directory <https://www.ada-compliance.com/ada-compliance/ada-elevators.html> | | | | |
| Checklist | | Yes | No | N/A | Action |
| 1. Are there lifts or elevators to all levels of the building? | |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Are the call buttons in the hallway no higher than 42 inches? | |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Are call buttons marked with raised text and braille? | |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Can the elevator or lift be used without assistance? | |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Is there at least 30 by 48 inches of clear space for a person using a wheelchair to approach, and use the lift or elevator? | |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Are controls between 15 and 48 inches high? | |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Is the elevator or lift operable in a power outage? | |  |  |  |  |
| Notes | | | | | |
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Some things to consider:Covid has had sweeping effects on our daily lives. Many inventions brought about by the pandemic didn’t even exist before 2020. Others may have seemed fanciful or bizarre. [*Everyone’s terrified of elevators during COVID-19. Could these magic buttons help?*](https://www.fastcompany.com/90597114/everyones-terrified-of-elevators-during-covid-19-could-these-magic-buttons-help)Highlights one such invention that could have benefits for some but not others. What about destination-based elevator control systems? [*Need a Lift? Accessibility and the New Elevator Control Systems*](https://www.afb.org/aw/6/5/14583)*.* This article discusses them and how anyone can use them. Are they really accessible for all?

## Additional Resources:

Can We Break The Cycle Of Broken Elevators? <https://www.cdrnys.org/blog/disability-dialogue/the-disability-dialogue-can-we-break-the-cycle-of-broken-elevators/>

Accessibility of Destination-Based Elevator Control Systems for People with Disabilities <https://www.ilcpl.com.au/accessibility-of-destination-based-elevator-control-systems-for-people-with-disabilities/>

ADA Elevators: What Are the Requirements?

<https://www.buildings.com/articles/34126/ada-elevators-what-are-requirements>

The Party Is on the Second Floor, So Where Is the Elevator? <https://health.usnews.com/health-care/for-better/articles/2016-10-31/the-party-is-on-the-second-floor-so-where-is-the-elevator>

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