
**Universal Design:** The standards given in the Illinois Accessibility Code and ADAAG are to be recognized as being minimal standards required by law for designing facilities that are readily usable by persons with disabilities. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign strives to provide facilities that are universally usable by persons with diverse physiologic and sensory abilities. The design of campus facilities shall provide for full and independent use of the facility by persons with disabilities. Following are examples of universal design standards adopted by the U of I that exceed minimum code requirements:

1. A power-operated entry door having both arm-height (42 in. high) and foot-plate-height (6 in. high) push plate type actuator switches (see Section 08 42 29 – Automatic Entrances and Drawing 08 42 29-1) or a continuous vertical pushplate shall be provided at no less than one entrance, preferably the main entrance, at each new or remodeled building.

2. A standard 5’ x 5’ accessible toilet stall is required to accommodate side transferring. Alternative stalls (Dims) described in the codes are not acceptable. End of row accessible stall configurations are preferred.

3. All elements within a facility should be planned to minimize architectural barriers to physically challenged individuals.

4. Large facilities with public spaces such as classrooms shall be constructed with multiple elevators to ensure continuity of accessibility when elevators are out of service due to repairs.

5. When technically feasible, Areas of Rescue Assistance (ARA) shall be provided in structures undergoing major remodeling. See the document entitled Remodeling, Special Considerations within these Standards.