

## FACT SHEET ABOUT

# Basic Requirements of the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968

The Architectural Barriers Act provided that any new facility construction with direct Federal dollars must meet certain design requirements for accessibility to individuals with disabilities.

- Enforced by the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (The Access Board)
- Facilities of recipients of Federal financial assistance are covered if the assistance was used directly in the construction of the facilities (such a facility would then be covered under the ABA, ADA, and 504)
- The effective design standard was that which was in place as determined by GSA for DOI at the time of the building design stage not the actual construction
  - ANSI A117.1                      October 31, 1961
  - ANSI A117.1                      March 3, 1980
  - GSA                                      October 4, 1980
  - UFAS                                    August 7, 1984
  - ABAAS                                May 8, 2006
- No provision for non-structural or accessible communication

