



HAWAII DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER

HDRC

is a private non-profit public interest organization
established in 1977 as the
Protection and Advocacy Agency of Hawaii.

HDRC

is Hawaii's Protection and Advocacy System
for People with Disabilities,



as authorized in federal and state law
and designated by the Governor.

HDRC

protects and promotes the human, civil and legal rights
of people with disabilities
through the provision of information and advocacy.

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**PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS TO AN
ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY**

HAWAII DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER PROMOTES ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITIES

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandates accessible communities for people with disabilities.

Title II establishes requirements for state and local governments to make their programs, services and transportation services accessible to and usable by people with disabilities.

Title III establishes requirements for 12 categories of public accommodations (private entities that serve the public) to make their goods and services accessible to people with disabilities. The categories are:

- Hotels, places providing lodging
- Restaurants and bars
- Places of entertainment, such as theaters
- Places of public gathering (convention centers)
- Retail or wholesale sales or rentals
- Services establishments (banks, dry cleaners, etc.)
- Terminals for public transportation
- Places of public display or collection (libraries, museums)
- Places of recreation (parks, zoo)
- Places of education
- Social services establishments (food bank, day care)
- Places of exercise or recreation (golf, gym, bowling)

How to Report An Inaccessible Building:

1. Write down the complete and correct name and address of the business that was not accessible to you.
2. Write down the date(s) that you visited this business and list the items (clothing, lunch, etc.) you purchased or attempted to purchase.
3. List the barriers you encountered - such as, doorway thresholds too high, counters too high, seating not accessible, stairs rather than a ramp, aisle width too narrow for a wheelchair, no handicapped parking, etc.

Call Hawaii Disability Rights Center at 1-800-882-1057 to report your experience and findings.

Do you want to serve as a plaintiff in an ADA lawsuit? There are some specific obligations. You must:

- Be a Resident of the county where the business is located
- Have visited the business recently
- Intend to visit the business again
- Be willing to provide testimony in a deposition, or during trial if necessary
- Be willing to attend settlement conferences if necessary; and
- Be available throughout the entire course of the litigation.