

Table 224.2 Guest Rooms with Mobility Features

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Total Number of Guest Rooms Provided	Minimum Number of Required Rooms Without Roll-in Showers	Minimum Number of Required Rooms With Roll-in Showers	Total Number of Required Rooms
1 to 25	1	0	1
26 to 50	2	0	2
51 to 75	3	1	4
76 to 100	4	1	5
101 to 150	5	2	7
151 to 200	6	2	8
201 to 300	7	3	10
301 to 400	8	4	12
401 to 500	9	4	13
501 to 1000	2 percent of total	1 percent of total	3 percent of total
1001 and over	20, plus 1 for each 100, or fraction thereof, over 1000	10, plus 1 for each 100, or fraction thereof, over 1000	30, plus 2 for each 100, or fraction thereof, over 1000

Beds in Accessible Guest Rooms - Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund

The typical seat height of a wheelchair is 19" above the floor, a dimension that was published in the ADA Accessibility Guidelines in 1991,[1] and which can still be seen today in the common 19" to 20" seat height of popular models of wheelchairs. [2] Consequently, a bed that is substantially higher than 20 inches presents a problem for most wheelchair users.

We recommend as follows:

- Require beds in the accessible guestrooms to measure 20 to 23 inches high from the floor to the top of the mattress, whether or not it is compressed. This is based on a sampling of 50 different wheelchair heights by Access Compliance Services, as well as on the range of bed heights that were found in the first years after the ADA became effective, before bed heights increased so dramatically. In those early years, these lower bed heights did not appear to pose a problem.
- Require bed frames that can readily be removed, thus lowering the bed when requested by guests. This would likely mean that stationary box frames are not acceptable.
- Have adjustable legs, either as part of the existing frame, or various height bed risers that can be added to the frame (the latter currently exist on the market).
- Require at least one accessible room to be equipped with a ceiling transfer lift.
- While the least beneficial, at the very minimum, information about bed heights should be readily available on a property's website, with the reservation department, and at the front desk.

Franchise Systems Inc., a leader in the lodging industry for marketing to travelers with disabilities, recognized early on that their implementation of a new bed initiative might cause problems for people with limited mobility.

Working with bed manufacturers Sealy, Serta, and Simmons, Franchise Systems was able to design a low-profile box spring (5 1/2") that offers both a high level of comfort while maintaining accessibility for people with mobility limitations. The California building code also requires at least a 7" vertical clearance under the bed for lift access. Franchise Systems was able to achieve that standard as well and still have their beds measure no higher than 23-inches.

Some Hyatt Hotels report intentionally limiting the height of beds in their accessible guest rooms to 19 inches high.[3]

A safe and usable bed height of approximately 21" can be achieved with standard brand stock products, without the need for customized sizes, and still use today's popular thicker mattresses. For example:

- 7-1/2 inch high bed frame[4]
- 2-inch high low-profile box spring[5]
- 12-inch high mattress[6]

Traveling with portable lift



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I travel with a rifton Tram to transfer to bed and back to chair. I have Becker's MD and don't have upper body strength to transfer by myself. My wife has no problem transferring me with the lift. It's just too much otherwise. I have noticed more and more hotels put solid foundations on their beds. For example the Choice Hotel chain has put the solid based in all their hotels. I even talked to several of their hotel managers that bragged about how they spent thousands putting the solid bases in there rooms. Help is there anything to do other than call every hotel?

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Unfortunately calling about our needs are the best way but doesnt assure issue is perfect. I also DO NOT use 800 number to call for reservation until I check directly with the location/facility as central reservation 90% of the time has no clue about the location and facility offerings. Lots of items to check on not only mobility,restaurant/food services in hotel to avoid issues of needing and not finding wheelchair ready taxi, does pool have lift or ramp, are there any places near by(walking distance) for movie,shopping for last minute items and sightseeing. The more we are up and about more can needs be known and how to advocate for them. ADA hotel rooms are often a joke(my last trip I needed to have BR door removed as it opened into room thus not allowing me to enter. Ended up having room changed(at hotel willingness as they were unable to comply with ADA room) Unfortunately you calling place to place will eliminate disappointment when you arrive. I keep track of name and date I speak to manager in regard to my reservation needs. Some hotels are privately owned vs. part of chain so not all hotels by the same name will be designed and furnished the same. Good luck with finding free standing beds. Traveling can bring so much enjoyment and break the everyday routine.

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My husband also has to be transferred into bed with a lift system. I have to figure out our route of travel and then call all hotels on that route to make sure the room has the free standing bed. I now travel with a copy of the ADA Rules that state that there must be a 17-25" toe space under the bed. However, not many comply. Last year I called 27 motels before I found 2 that complied. Even if they comply one year, they may the next if they remodel. This is so frustrating. I have written letters to the attorney Generals offices in Florida, Illinois, Alabama and Wisconsin without any response. I did this at the direction of the ADA Advocate site when I contacted them to see who I could talk to about this. Now I call each hotel direct

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" Hampton Inns are the only ones I have found that are somewhat consistent. Something needs to be done to make all handicapped rooms have free standing beds and to insure they are ADA compliant. We stayed in one "Handicapped" room that had 1 grab bar by the toilet, a glass enclosed shower with a door that was 24" wide, no shower bench, and no grab bars in the shower. When I talked to the front desk. they had no idea why I was upset.

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I have a choice Hotel rewards card. Then I found out they were in the process of converting all their beds to solid platform beds. No exceptions, even the rooms they call accessible. I was working on

reservations to visit my daughter in Colorado today. I was surprised that most of the hotels did not have any accessible rooms. None. Was fortunate to find a Bedt Western that had a real accessible room.

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A portable bed frame might work for you. It is put together without any screws, bolts, or pins. It holds twin, full, or queen size bed and fits into a relatively small box. Of course, help is needed (hotel staff, my wife, family/friends) with switching them out each way. Hotel staff are pretty supportive. Especially, if you alert them ahead of time. Check one here:



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