

What people with disabilities want to know before they visit your art place:

The accessibility portion of your *Pittsburgh Art Places* profile allows you to describe your venue so that anyone coming to visit will know whether they can experience the art you offer. This quick guide highlights key areas of accessibility to include in your venue profile.** You can also just list the name and contact information of the person at your art place who knows the answers to these questions so they can help potential visitors.

Consider responding to these questions in the ADA accessibility section of your profile. There is no limit the amount of text you can put in that section, so be as detailed as you would like to be. Here are the questions visitors have when they consider attending an art place.

Can I get there?

- Is your art place on a bus/trolley/subway route?
- Is there a handicapped parking space nearby?
- Do the curbs on the corner of the block have cuts for getting on the sidewalk without stepping up?

Can I get in?

- Does a visitor have to go up steps to get in the door?
- Is the door wide enough (32 inches with the door open all the way) to get through?
- Is there an elevator?
- **If the main door isn't accessible** are there signs showing a visitor where to enter?
- How easy is it to open the door? Is it heavy? Does the knob twist? Does it open automatically?

Can I access the art?

- Is some of the art in an area that is hard to reach? On a different floor without an elevator, in a room that has a step up or down?

- Do you have a written description of the art being presented for anyone who cannot hear?
- Do you have an audio description of the art for anyone who cannot see?
- Can a visitor get an electronic (non-PDF) version of a program/brochure before they visit?

**This is not a complete self-assessment to figure out if your art place complies with the ADA! But if you want one there is a great self-assessment tool at http://njtheatrealliance.org/ada#section_239

If you want more help with accessibility GPAC has a new accessibility manager, Anne Mulgrave (Amulgrave@pittsburghartscouncil.org) who is happy to come out and help you with any accessibility issues that are keeping you up a night.