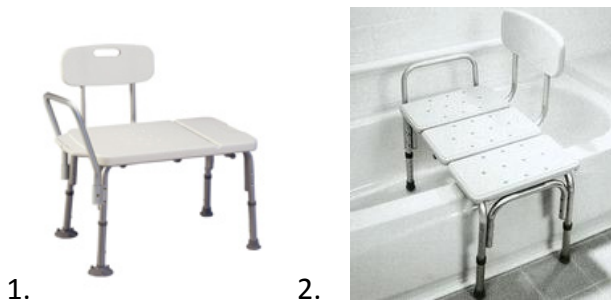


ADA Tub Bench and Shower Seat Requirements

This is a guide for hotel operators to utilize in obtaining the correct bathtub transfer benches and shower seats which meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) specifications.

ADA accessible benches must have a seat which is 20" to 24" in depth and a minimum of 42" in length. A back support of at least 18" above of the level of the seat is required. Figures 1. and 2. are ADA accessible.



ADA Accessible

The following are examples of benches, stools and seats which do not comply with the ADA. Figures 3. through 5. do not meet the seat length and/or back support requirements.



Not ADA Accessible

ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities (ADAAG)

4.26 Handrails, Grab Bars, and Tub and Shower Seats

4.37.1 General. Benches required to be accessible by 4.1 shall comply with 4.37.

4.37.2 Clear Floor or Ground Space. Clear floor or ground space complying with 4.2.4 shall be provided & positioned for parallel approach to a short end of a bench seat.

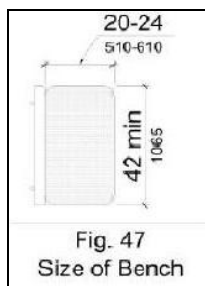
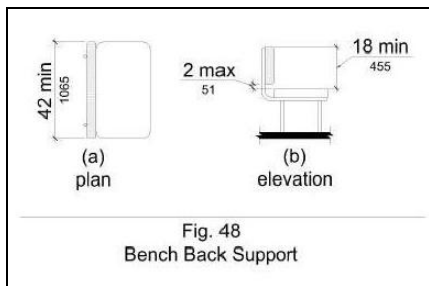
4.37.3* Size. Benches shall be fixed and shall have seats that are 20 inches (510 mm) minimum to 24 inches (610 mm) maximum in depth and 42 inches (1065 mm) minimum in length (see Fig. 47).

4.37.4 Back Support. Benches shall have back support that is 42 inches (1065 mm) minimum in length and that extends from a point 2 inches (51 mm) maximum above the seat to a point 18 inches (455 mm) minimum above the seat (see Fig. 48).


4.37.5 Seat Height. Bench seats shall be 17 inches (430 mm) minimum to 19 inches (485 mm) maximum above the floor or ground.

4.37.6 Structural Strength. Allowable stresses shall not be exceeded for materials used when a vertical or horizontal force of 250 lbs. (1112 N) is applied at any point on the seat, fastener, mounting device, or supporting structure.

4.37.7 Wet Locations. The surface of benches installed in wet locations shall be slip-resistant and shall not accumulate water.



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