



**NYC accessibility requirements will be changing...  
ADA accessibility requirements will be changing as well...**

**ARE YOU READY?**

**ACCESSIBILITY UPDATE: CITY, STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008**

Syracuse University's Lubin House  
Pergament Room  
11 East 61st Street, NY, NY 10065 (between Madison and Fifth Avenues)

**8:30 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Why Attend This Program?**

NYC will soon become an International Building Code (IBC) jurisdiction. This past July, Mayor Bloomberg signed Intro 578-A into law, legislation that adopted an enhanced version of the 2003 International Building Code. The new NYC Construction Codes will become effective on July 1, 2008. At that time, individuals will have the option to use either the old or new code for one year. On July 1, 2009, the codes will become mandated for new construction.

Additionally, The U.S. Access Board announced in July, 2004, the release of new design guidelines that cover access for people with disabilities under the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. The guidelines update access requirements for a wide range of facilities in the public and private sectors covered by the law.

Attendees at the March 6<sup>th</sup> program will gain an understanding of which accessibility requirements are most restrictive and which represent a safe harbor. In addition, we can provide attendees with an overview of the revised ADA/ABA Accessibility Guidelines and its harmonization with model codes as they relate to accessibility requirements. This course will focus on: problematic access applications in commercial facilities, compliance with the Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines in residential construction, accessibility requirements for existing facilities, and life safety issues.

In addition to United Spinal staff, Keith Wen, R.A., of New York City Department of Buildings (DOB) will provide attendees with an overview of the new NYC Building Code. During this segment, he will explain the process that the City has gone through to harmonize the local code with federal requirements and will highlight some of the major changes that architects will face in July 2008. As a Senior Architect of DOB Technical Affairs, Mr. Wen was directly involved in the development of the new NYC Building Code and is responsible for training efforts of the new code throughout the City. Mr. Wen is certified by the International Code Council (ICC) as an Accessibility Specialist/Plans Examiner.

The program agenda and registration form are attached. **All attendees will receive AIA continuing education units that are applicable towards health, safety and welfare (HSW) requirements.**

## **United Spinal's Qualifications Include:**

- ✓ Certified by the International Codes Council (ICC) as Accessibility Specialists/Plans Examiners.
- ✓ Members of the ANSI A117.1 Accredited Standards Committee that develops the barrier-free design requirements referenced by the International Building Code (IBC).
- ✓ Members of Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) Federal Advisory Committee that worked to ensure a degree of harmonization between the revised ADA/ABA Accessibility Guidelines and ICC ANSI A117.1 that the IBC references.
- ✓ Members of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) on staff whose primary practice is designing accessible facilities while applying state and federal accessibility standards.
- ✓ Voting member of the International Codes Council's ANSI A117.1 Residential Task Force and the Assembly Area Task Force.
- ✓ Contributing members of the New York City Model Code Program Accessibility Committee, chaired by the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD).
- ✓ Consulted with design professionals on several new sports venues to ensure compliance with various accessibility requirements including new facilities for the New York Yankees, New York Mets, Minnesota Twins and the New Jersey Devils.

If you are interested in attending this program, please complete the attached registration form and mail back to us with your payment included by February 29, 2008. Please register quickly as space is limited. We look forward to seeing you on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Should you have any questions or require an accommodation(s) due to disability, please call 610.757.0044.

### **Directions to Lubin House, Pergament Room**

The program will be held at Syracuse University's Lubin House, Pergament Room, 11 East 61st Street, Manhattan (between Madison and Fifth Avenues).

Please note that Lubin House is a townhouse with a large orange Syracuse flag that hangs outside. There is a parking lot next door to the building (although expensive), and the nearest subway stops are: 4, 5 and 6 Lines: 59th and Lexington. East side service uptown to the Bronx and downtown to Brooklyn. W, N and R Lines: 60th and Fifth Ave. Downtown service to the west and east sides through to Brooklyn, and uptown into Queens. The nearest bus stops are: M1 and M2: Fifth Avenue downtown bus: between 61st and 62nd Streets; M3 and M4: Madison Avenue uptown bus: between 61st and 62nd Streets.



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**8:30 AM – 9:00 AM – REGISTRATION**

**9:00 AM – Noon**

- I. Welcome & Introductions**  
Matthew Sapolin, Commissioner, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities  
Charles Hammerman, President & CEO, Disability Opportunity Fund
- II. Advances in Accessibility Requirements: The New NYC Building Code**  
Keith Wen, R.A. Technical Affairs, NYC Department of Buildings
- III. Accessibility Requirements Impacting Commercial Occupancies**  
Dominic Marinelli, United Spinal Association

**Noon – 1:00 PM      LUNCH**

**Keynote Address on Architectural Liability**  
Kleo King, United Spinal Association

**1:15 PM – 3:15 PM**

- IV. Accessibility Requirements Impacting Residential Occupancies**  
Dominic Marinelli, United Spinal Association

**3:15 PM – 3:30      BREAK**

**3:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

- V. Existing Buildings**
  - Alterations
  - Primary function areas
  - Changes of occupancy
  - Additions
- VI. Life Safety Issues**
  - Accessible means of egress
  - Areas of refuge; Means of egress elevators



**ACCESSIBILITY UPDATE - Registration Form**

Attendees will receive 7 continuing education units that are applicable towards health, safety, and welfare requirements (HSW). If you have questions or require accommodations to fully participate, please contact Jennifer Perry at [jperry@unitedspinal.org](mailto:jperry@unitedspinal.org) or call 610.757.0044.



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<b>AIA #</b>

**PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION & MAIL (with Payment) By February 29, 2008  
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**UNITED SPINAL ASSOCIATION**  
75-20 Astoria Boulevard  
Jackson Heights, NY 11370-1177  
Attn: Kleo King, Senior VP, Accessibility Services

**PLEASE RESERVE SEATS FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$125.00 each (Lunch included)**

**TOTAL REMITTANCE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**