



Fair Housing Accessibility Workshop Agenda

Session One

8:00 a.m.- 8:15 a.m. Introductions and Registration

8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Complying with the Fair Housing Amendments Act (FHAct)

- The History of Fair Housing
- What Codes and Documents Meet the FHAct
- What Buildings Are Covered
- Strategies for Meeting the "Safe Harbor" Codes

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. - 11:45 Overview of the Seven Design and Construction Requirements criteria (based on the 2003 IBC® and ICC/ANSI A117.1-1998)

- Accessible Routes
- Accessible Building Entrances
- Public and Common Use Areas
- Useable Doors
- Reinforced walls for grab bars
- Usable Kitchen
- Usable Bathrooms

11:45 a.m. - Noon Questions and Adjournment

Session Two

1:00 p.m.- 1:15 p.m. Introductions and Registration

1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Complying with the Fair Housing Amendments Act (FHAct)

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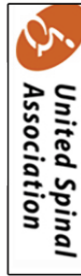
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Break

3 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Overview of the Seven Design and Construction Requirements criteria (based on the 2003 IBC® and ICC/ANSI A117.1-98)

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4:45 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Questions and Adjournment

Basic seminar materials provided for all participants.



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WORKSHOP FOR FAIR HOUSING ACT ACCESSIBILITY



This workshop will help you understand the history and provide an overview of the Fair Housing Act. Also included is the scoping and technical requirements for FHAct and will provide assistance in the adoption of the HUD Safe Harbor documents to achieve compliance with the HUD Fair Housing accessibility requirements.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Legislators
- Code Enforcement Officials
- Inspectors
- Contractors and Developers
- Architects
- Engineers
- Realtors
- Lenders
- Disability and Fair Housing Advocates

WORKSHOP PURPOSE

The Fair Housing Act (FHAct) accessibility requirements affects both the builders who construct, and the constituents with disabilities who need accessible housing in all jurisdictions of the United States. The intent of this workshop is to provide information on what is required by the FHAct seven design and construction requirements; what types of violations of the FHAct are commonly made; and how states and local jurisdictions can modify their regulations to adopt one of the Safe Harbor documents that ensure compliance with the FHAct.

You will learn the history behind the laws, what is a “covered dwelling”; an overview of the eight Safe Harbor documents and the seven accessible design features, cases of non-compliance; and the benefits to your community of adopting a Safe Harbor document.

BACKGROUND

The Fair Housing Act (FHAct) is the common name for Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 that prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings based on race, color, religion, sex, and national origin. In 1988, Congress amended the FHAct to include persons with disabilities and families with children among the protected classes of individuals.

The 1988 Amendments also provide that discrimination includes the failure to design and construct multifamily dwellings in a manner that includes certain features of accessibility. The law applies to both privately owned and publicly assisted housing, both rental and for sale units, including single-family homes when located in a building of four or more such homes, built for first occupancy after March 13, 1991. These are known as “covered multifamily dwellings”.



The United Spinal Association and the International Codes Council in cooperation with the National Association of Home Builders was awarded a grant by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to carry out activities to provide education, outreach, and assistance to States that want to gain a better understanding of the FHAct requirements and adopt one of the HUD-recognized Safe Harbor documents in their codes and regulations. This grant will provide information and assistance on methods for adoption of Safe Harbor documents.

Safe Harbor refers to a group of eight documents recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as providing a safe harbor for compliance with the Fair Housing Act’s accessibility requirements. Any one of these eight documents can be adopted by a state. A growing number of states and other jurisdictions have adopted or are in the process of adopting one of these documents.

The Safe Harbor documents are:

- Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines (FHAG), published 3/6/91 by HUD, used with the 6/28/94 “Supplemental Notice to Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines: Questions and Answers About the Guidelines”
- Fair Housing Act Design Manual, published by HUD in 1996, update in 1998
- ANSI A117.1-1986* (American National Standard for Buildings and Facilities: Providing Accessibility and Usability for Physically Handicapped People)
- CABO/ANSI A117.1-1992* (Guidelines for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities)
- ICC/ANSI A117.1-1998* (Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities)
- Code Requirements for Housing Accessibility (CRHA), October 2000
- International Building Code© 2000 (IBC), as amended by the 2001 Supplement to the International Codes
- International Building Code© 2003 (IBC)

*When used in conjunction with the Act and HUD’s regulations, and the Guidelines.

Come and join us in this national effort. The workshop is free. However, due to limited space, we encourage you to register in advance. To register or if you would like more information, contact:

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Accessible Accommodations Required:		
Please contact us as-soon-as-possible if accessible accommodations are required.		
Sign Language Interpreter:		
Assistive Listening System:		
Material In Accessible Format		
Other (List Below)		

* All seminar sites are fully accessible.

This workshop will help you understand why your community needs to adopt one of the Safe Harbor documents.

