

# STOP ADA LAWSUIT ABUSE

## SIX STEPS TO INCREASE ACCESS COMPLIANCE AND PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS FROM ADA LAWSUITS

### 1. ACCESS COMPLIANCE SURVEY

- CALIFORNIA LAW CALLS FOR A SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED BY A LICENSED DESIGN PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATED BY THE STATE ARCHITECT AS AN ACCESS SPECIALIST.
- CALIFORNIA HAS ESTABLISHED A VOLUNTARY CERTIFIED ACCESS SPECIALIST PROGRAM FOR THE STATE ARCHITECT TO CERTIFY INDIVIDUAL DESIGN PROFESSIONALS AS ACCESS SPECIALISTS.

### 2. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- SCHEDULE COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS AS CALLED FOR IN THE ACCESS SURVEY.

### 3. CORRECT EASY-TO-FIX DEFICIENCIES

- PARKING, PAINT, SIGNS, DOOR LEVERS, FLOOR MATS, CLEAR AISLES

### 4. PLAN, SCHEDULE & BUDGET FOR ALL CORRECTIONS

- ARCHITECTURAL PLANS, CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATES, SET ASIDE FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION

### 5. ONGOING STAFF TRAINING

- ANNUAL STAFF TRAINING ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

### 6. ACCESS REVIEWS

- UPDATE THE COMPLIANCE SURVEY PERIODICALLY
- CURRENT SURVEY MAY BE REQUIRED BY REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS, LEASE, SALE OR PURCHASE

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