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ARKANSAS – State Specific Signs

Arkansas ADA Parking Signs

Overview:

All states must comply with The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. It is a federal wide-ranging civil rights law that prohibits, under certain circumstances, discrimination based on disability. The 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design (ADAAG) stipulates design standards for accessible parking spaces. Section 502.6 of ADAAG and The Department of Transportation Standard for Highway Signs (MUTCD) both address design standards for the required signs.

Resources:

2010 ADAAG Standards: (Free)

http://www.ada.gov/2010ADASTandards_index.htm

MUTCD Standard for Highway Signs: (Free)

https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/SHSe/shs_2004_2012_sup.pdf

Arkansas Regulation: (Free)

<http://law.justia.com/codes/arkansas/2010/title-27/subtitle-2/chapter-15/subchapter-3/27-15-315/>

Design of Parking Signs:

- Accessible parking spaces must have a sign that includes the international symbol of accessibility and state "RESERVED PARKING." Spaces designed for van parking must also have a sign stating "VAN ACCESSIBLE." (ADAAG 502.6), (MUTCD R7-8)
- The sign should be 12"W x 18"H with green lettering and border on a white background. The symbol of accessibility should be 4"H and be white on a blue background. The symbol is a depiction of a person in a wheel chair. (MUTCD R7-8), (ADAAG 703.7.2.1)
- If required, the van accessible sign should be 12"W x 6"H and have green lettering and border on a white background or white lettering and border on a blue background. (MUTCD R7-8a, R&-8b)
- Signs should be mounted at least 60 inches above the parking surface so as to not be obstructed by any parked vehicles.
- Signs should be constructed to withstand the elements. An aluminum substrate with a reflective surface using UV stable ink is recommended. An anti-graffiti laminate surface might also be considered.
- Of note: Federal accessibility signs avoid the use of the text "handicapped" or "disabled" as a result of the Department of Justice's efforts to make use of up-to-date accepted terminology and avoid stereotyping of individuals. (28CFR35.104)
- Arkansas allows that the reserved parking sign may also state "Permit Required - Towing Enforced." (27-15-315)

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Arkansas No Smoking Signs

Overview:

The State of Arkansas prohibits smoking in all enclosed workplaces. Exemptions to the state law include retail tobacco stores, casinos, designated hotel/motel rooms, and restaurants and bars not admitting patrons under 21 years old. The Arkansas Clean Indoor Air Act became law on 7/21/2006 and requires posting of signs enforcing the law at various locations. (20-27-1804)

Resources:

Arkansas Regulation: (Free)

<http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2005/S1/Acts/Act8.pdf>

Arkansas Dept. of Health Website: (Free)

<http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/clean-indoor-air-act>

Design of No Smoking Signs:

The state statute requires that the owner or other person in control of a public place or workplace where smoking is prohibited must post a sign at all entrances stating “No Smoking” or the international no smoking symbol, consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across it. The Arkansas State Board of Health also specifies additional “health warning” signs that must be posted at establishments that are exempt from the smoking ban. Examples of the required signs are viewable at the Department of Health Website. (20-27-1805-8b) (20-27-1806)

Arkansas Swimming Pool Signs

Overview:

The Arkansas Department of Health stipulates the rules governing the use of public swimming pools and spas.

Resources:

Arkansas Regulation: (Free)

<http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/rules/SwimmingPools1.pdf>

Arkansas Guidelines for Pools: (Free)

<http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/GuidelinesforPoolandSpaOperators.pdf>

NSP Foundation: (Free)

http://nspf.org/en/Resources/News_StateCodes.aspx

Design of Swimming Pool Signs:

Below are the required and recommended Arkansas swimming pool and spa signs. See the Arkansas regulation for more specific posting and design information. (Arkansas Guidelines for Pools)

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- A sign stating “NO DIVING” where the pool depth is less than 5 1/2 feet.
- A sign stating “No Lifeguard On Duty” where lifeguards are not provided.
- A sign stating various pool rules.
- A sign stating various spa rules.
- A sign stating various water slide rules.
- A sign stating the maximum bather load allowed.
- A sign stating the maximum water temperature at spas.

Arkansas Concealed Weapon Signs

Overview:

Arkansas allows residents of the state to carry a concealed firearm (CCW) if they obtain a permit issued by the Arkansas State Police. An applicant must be at least 21 years old, has not been convicted of a felony, does not have a documented serious addiction to alcohol or a controlled substance, has not been declared mentally incompetent, and has completed an approved firearms safety program. There are certain places such as churches, correctional facilities, polling places, schools, etc. where CCW is forbidden even with a permit. Arkansas honors the CCW permits of a number of other states. (5-73-309{1-14})

Resources:

Arkansas Regulation: (Free)

https://static.ark.org/eeuploads/asp/CHCL_statutes_effective_1042013.pdf

Handgunlaw.com/Arkansas: (Free)

<http://www.handgunlaw.us/states/arkansas.pdf>

Design of Concealed Weapons Signs:

By state law, the owner of a private business may forbid CCW in their establishment by posting a sign at the entrance stating that weapons are forbidden in the facility. The sign must contain the words “Carrying A Handgun Is Prohibited.” (5-73-306{19A})

Cell Phone Signs

Overview:

Arkansas bans all drivers of motorized vehicles from using electronic wireless communication devices for texting. Drivers 18-20 years old and school bus drivers may not use cell phones of any type for any communication purposes other than emergencies. The law went into effect on 2/10/2009. (HB 1013)

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Resources:

Arkansas Regulation: (Free)

<http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2009/R/Acts/Act181.pdf>

Handsfreeinfo.com: (Free)

<http://handsfreeinfo.com/arkansas-cell-phone-laws-legislation>

Design of Cell Phone Signs:

- As of 9/1/2019 we are not aware of any mandatory “no cell phone” sign postings required in Arkansas
- An efficient way to remind both commercial and private drivers of cell phone bans is to apply a “No Cell Phone Use While Driving” safety label or window decal to cars, taxi cabs, trucks, and buses.
- Of note: Because cell phones can be distractive by nature, it is common to see signs regulating cell phone use in public buildings such as theaters, airports, courtrooms, hospitals, buses, schools and school traffic zones.

Baby Surrender Signs

Overview:

Since the first baby surrender (safe-haven) law was enacted in Texas in 1999, all U.S. states, as well as the District of Columbia, have passed safe-haven legislation. The laws allow an unharmed infant to be relinquished to the proper authorities.

Resources:

Arkansas Regulation: (Free)

http://www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org/maps/Arkansas_Safe_Haven_Law.pdf

NSH Alliance: (Free)

<https://www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org/>

Design of Baby Surrender Signs:

- The State of Arkansas establishes the provisions for the relinquishing of a new born infant (30 days old or less) by a parent who no longer wishes to have custody of the child. The infant may be relinquished at any medical provider or law enforcement agency as defined by the statute. Though not mandated by law, facilities may post a sign indicating they are an authorized baby surrender site. (9-34-202,203)

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