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# MICHIGAN – State Specific Signs

## Michigan 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](http://www.ada.gov/2010ADASTandards_index.htm)

**MUTCD Standard for Highway Signs:** (Free)

[https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/SHSe/shs\\_2004\\_2012\\_sup.pdf](https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/SHSe/shs_2004_2012_sup.pdf)

**Michigan Regulation:** (Free)

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(5beqxr45q3wkpsm44zzgid45\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=mcl-257-675](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(5beqxr45q3wkpsm44zzgid45))/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=mcl-257-675)

### 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)
- As of 9/1/2019 we are not aware of any additional ADA parking sign requirements in Michigan other than those specified by the federal government in the 2010 ADAAG.

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### Michigan No Smoking Signs

#### Overview:

The State of Michigan prohibits smoking in public places including bars, restaurants, and outdoor patios of bars and restaurants. Exemptions to the statewide ban are granted to cigar bars, retail tobacco shops, and casinos. The Dr. Ron Davis Smoke Free Air Law became effective on 5/1/2010 and is administered by the Department of Community Health. (12603)

#### Resources:

**Michigan Smoke Free Air Law:** (Free) <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2009-2010/billenrolled/House/pdf/2009-HNB-4377.pdf>

**Michigan Smoke Free Website:** (Free) [http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940\\_2955\\_2973\\_55026---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940_2955_2973_55026---,00.html)

#### Design of No Smoking Signs:

- The state statute defines a public place as an enclosed area to which the public has access. The owner or other person in control of a public place, or outdoor area 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. (12603.2a)

### Michigan Swimming Pool Signs

#### Overview:

Act 368 of the Michigan Public Health Code stipulates the rules governing the use of public swimming pools and spas. The code became effective in 1978 and requires the posting of signs at public swimming pools and spas.

#### Resources:

**Michigan Regulation:** (Free) [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-dwrpd-eh-swmp1-SR\\_Rules\\_PRINT\\_COPY\\_2-8-01\\_270447\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-dwrpd-eh-swmp1-SR_Rules_PRINT_COPY_2-8-01_270447_7.pdf)

**NSP Foundation:** (Free) [http://nspf.org/en/Resources/News\\_StateCodes.aspx](http://nspf.org/en/Resources/News_StateCodes.aspx)

#### Design of Swimming Pool Signs:

Below are the required Michigan swimming pool and spa signs. See the Michigan regulation for more specific posting and design information.

- A sign stating emergency contact information and the address of the pool facility. (R325.2165{9})
- A sign stating various pool rules. (R325.2192{1-13})
- A “No Lifeguard” sign where lifeguards are not provided. (R325.2198{5})

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### Concealed Weapon Signs

#### Overview:

The Michigan public Act 381 allows residents of the state to carry a concealed firearm (CCW) provided they have been issued a permit granted by the local city or county in which they reside. Among the requirements for issuing a permit are; an applicant must be at least 21 years old, has not been convicted of a felony, and does not have a documented mental illness. There are certain places such as schools, sports arenas, taverns, churches, casinos, etc. where CCW is forbidden even with a permit. Michigan does not honor the CCW permits of any other state.

#### Resources:

**Michigan Regulation:** (Free) [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(oojfa2wtufth1g4eiifefseg\)\)/milege.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-28-422](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(oojfa2wtufth1g4eiifefseg))/milege.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-28-422)

**Handgunlaw.com/Michigan:**(Free) <http://www.handgunlaw.us/states/michigan.pdf>

#### Design of Concealed Weapons Signs:

- Some states that allow CCW, with or without a required permit, have “opt out” laws that empower a private business to voluntarily create a “weapons free” zone by posting a “no concealed weapons allowed” sign on their premises. Michigan law does not empower a business to create a “weapons free” zone by posting a sign, nor does it explicitly forbid the posting of such signs at businesses or facilities where CCW is forbidden.

### Cell Phone Signs

#### Overview:

The State of Michigan bans the use of hand-held cell phones for texting communications by all drivers of motorized vehicles. The law, HB4394, became effective on 7/1/2010. The State of Michigan also bans the use of handheld cell phones by commercial motor vehicles and school buses. The state also bans drivers under age 18 with Level 1 or 2 learner’s permits from the use of any type of cell phone.

#### Resources:

**Michigan Regulation:** (Free) [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(ccqpmf45xnaru045o1vh3e45\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2009-HB-4394](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(ccqpmf45xnaru045o1vh3e45))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2009-HB-4394)

**Handsfreeinfo.com:** (Free) <http://handsfreeinfo.com/michigan-cell-phone-laws-legislation>

#### Design of Cell Phone Signs:

- As of 9/1/2019 we are unaware of any mandatory “no cell phone” sign postings required in Michigan.
- 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.

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### (Cell Phone Signs Continued)

- 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:

**Michigan Regulation:** (Free) [http://www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org/maps/Michigan\\_Safe\\_Haven\\_Law.pdf](http://www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org/maps/Michigan_Safe_Haven_Law.pdf)

**NSH Alliance:** (Free) <https://www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org/>

### Design of Baby Surrender Signs:

- Michigan allows for the relinquishing of a new born infant (3 days old or less) by a parent who no longer wishes to have custody of the child. The infant may be relinquished at any hospital, fire station, or police station when a staff person is on duty. As of 9/1/2019 we are unaware of any requirement in the law for the posting of signs. (712.2{4})

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