



# ACCESSIBILITY For All

It is vital to properly account for people with disabilities when you are creating an emergency plan. Failing to account for important regulations, like the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), can prove both dangerous and costly.

The ADA is a 1990 civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities

in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools and transportation. That includes emergency communication solutions, which should be striving to provide access to everyone.

Code Blue understands how important it is to factor in the needs of those with disabilities. That's why we construct our products to be ADA compliant.

## Here are some of the ways Code Blue meets ADA Standards for Accessible Design

### Braille

The bezels on all Code Blue speakerphones contain embossed dots and cells that help the visually impaired read, in addition to raised lettering that provides more tactile text, to meet Section 703. The bezels also can be customized to meet the unique needs of your location to ensure that the proper message is clear and understandable so it isn't missed by anyone.

### Visual Indicators



An advisory in Section 708.2 points out that lights should be provided to indicate that a connection has been made and help is on the way. Code Blue speakerphones contain highly visual lights that communicate when a call has been placed and a connection has been established, remaining active until the call has ended.

### Height

Code Blue recommends that all buttons and tactile characters on its products are installed no higher than 48 inches above the floor to comply with Section 703.4 and give people in a wheelchair access to request help.

### Depth

Section 307.2 gives a maximum depth of four inches to objects that are installed above ground level. The CB 2-a Help Point® was designed with a four-inch depth for this specific reason, to help prevent visually impaired individuals walking with a cane from bumping into the unit.

### Placement

Code Blue Help Points® should be placed in settings where individuals who may be in a wheelchair or have difficulty walking can have easy access. For this reason, it is recommended that they are placed in open areas that include sidewalks and paths that won't impede accessibility.



### Hands-free

An advisory in Section 708.1 states, "Devices that do not require handsets are easier to use by people who have a limited reach." All Code Blue speakerphones are hands-free devices that provide easy connections to first responders at the touch of a button.

**To learn more about any of Code Blue's products, call 800-205-7186 or visit [codeblue.com](http://codeblue.com).**

