



# Island Pool & Spa Supply

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## ADA Talking Points

Swimming pools are not eligible for the use of the ADA "Safe Harbor" clause and therefore, must provide accessibility as outlined in the 2010 standards.

The changes went into effect in September of 2010 and require compliance on or before March 15, 2012.

### Who is affected:

- Condominiums with active rentals or time share units.
- All resorts and hotels.
- All municipal & public facilities (ie. Schools).

### Who is excluded:

- A private residential complex
- Private clubs based on controlled membership

### Points of interest:

- All affected pools must provide a compliant means of access.
- Pool / Spa with **less** than 300 linear perimeter feet must provide at least 1 primary means of access.
- Pool/spa with **more** than 300 linear perimeter feet must provide 2 separate means of access. 1 primary form and 1 secondary.
- All anchors must be compliant and properly fitted to work with new ADA lifts.
- All pool lifts must meet the following:
  1. Be capable of independent operation by a person with a disability.
  2. Must be located where the water level is no deeper than 48 inches.
  3. Seats on the pool lift must be a minimum of 16 inches in width.
  4. Lift must have a weight capacity of 300 pounds.
  5. The lift must be capable of submerging the user a minimum of 18" below the water level.
  6. Lift must be equipped with a foot rest.
  7. The distance from the top of the seat surface to the deck should be a minimum of 16 inches.

Information available at: [www.ADA.gov](http://www.ADA.gov)

[www.poollifts.com](http://www.poollifts.com)

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