



Webinar – September 2026

Accessibility Assessments of Polling Places





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Wisconsin Elections Commission's Polling Place Review Program



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History of Accessibility Program

- 1989: Basic self-assessment
- 2002: Self-assessment revised, required for new polling places
- 2009: Survey based on ADA standards, performed by WEC
- 2014: Survey updated with AAC, severity levels
- 2023: Survey updated with AAC

Review Program

- Review conducted
- Clerk receives report
- Clerk completes plan of action
- WEC approves or denies
- Data used in biennial report

Survey

- 5 polling place zones
 - Parking
 - Exterior Route
 - Entrance
 - Interior Route
 - Voting Area
- Tools
 - Measuring tape
 - Door Pressure Gauge
 - Digital slope reader

Parking

- On/Off-street parking
 - Signage
 - Parking space width
 - Access aisle width
 - Surface quality
- Drop-off Zone
- Curb cuts
 - Width
 - Slope
- Ramps
 - Width
 - Slope
 - Edge protection
 - Handrails

Exterior Route

- Width
- Slope
- Surface quality
- Curb cuts
 - Width
 - Slope
- Ramps
 - Width
 - Slope
 - Edge protection
 - Handrails

Entrance

- Doorway
 - Width
 - Threshold
 - Handle
 - Type
 - Height
 - Force to open
 - Accessible features
- Ramps
 - Width
 - Slope
 - Edge protection
 - Handrails

Interior Route

- Hallways
 - Width
 - Obstacles
 - Protrusions
 - Floor coverings
- Changes in level
 - Ramp
 - Elevator
 - Lift
- Doorways
 - Width
 - Threshold
 - Handle
 - Type
 - Height
 - Force to open
 - Accessible features

Voting Area

- Notices
 - Font size
- Paths of travel
 - Clear floor space
- Accessible voting booth
 - Entrance width
 - Knee/toe clearance
 - Privacy
- Accessible voting equipment
 - Entrance width
 - Knee/toe clearance
 - Height of controls
 - Privacy

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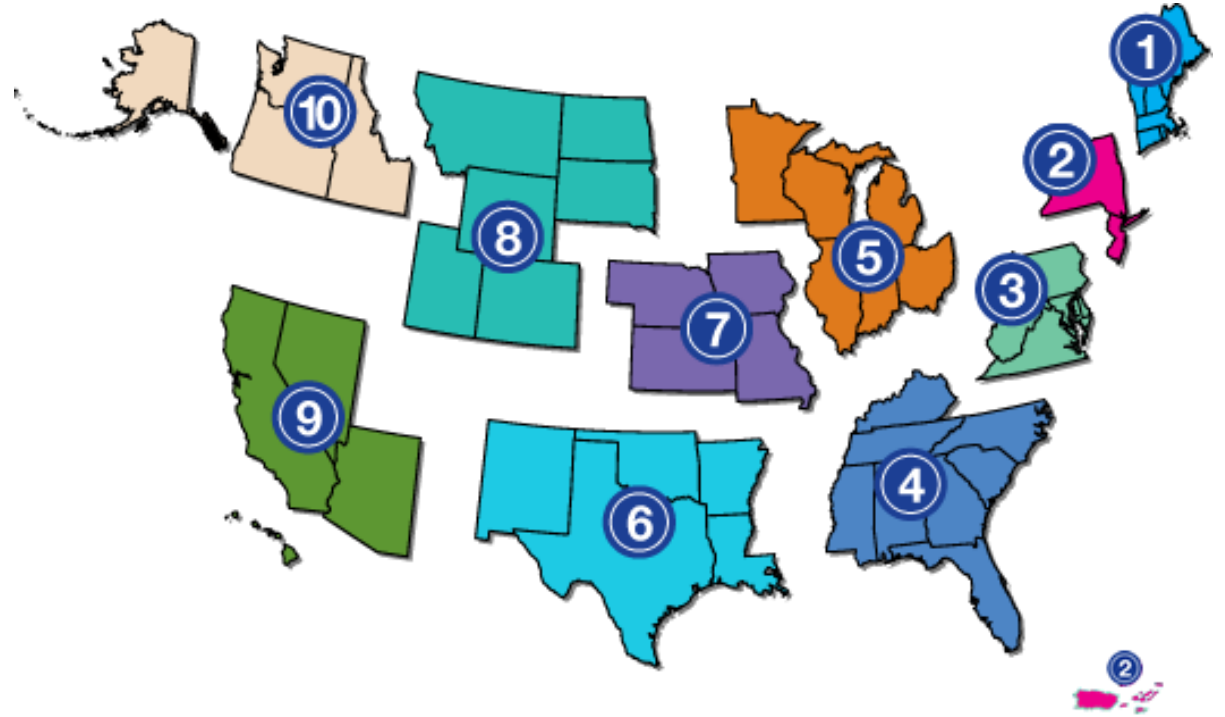
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