

MetroWest Center For Independent Living People with Disabilities Living in the Community

Architectural Access Board Listening Session on AAB Regulations

When: Monday, November 30 at 11:00 a.m.
Where: One Ashburton Place
21st Floor, Conference Room 3
Boston, MA 02108

This listening session is for people to come and comment on, or suggest changes to, 521 CMR (see below). The notice is also available on the Department of Public Safety Website.

If there are questions about this session, please reach out to Kate Sutton, Program Coordinator for the Architectural Access Board. She can be reached at 617-727-0660 or Kate.Sutton@MassMail.State.MA.US.

Please join us in attending or providing comments in support of the AAB Regulations and changes that would further improve its ability to increase access to individuals with disabilities.

As it stands the AAB represents one of the most supportive pieces of regulations for individuals with disabilities:

- Any citizen can file a complaint
- There is a process of review which is fair and inclusionary
- A private citizen can take action on a local level to increase accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

We support changes in the AAB regulations, as

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outlined in Senate Bill 1323, which would align the AAB regulations with the Americans with Disabilities Act. SB 1323 allows the AAB to come into compliance with the ADA, provide one set of codes and provide greater accessibility to individuals with disabilities.

Thank you,

Paul Spooner,
Executive Director

521 CMR

521 CMR are the Architectural Access Board codes for public buildings in Massachusetts. The regulations provide a mechanism for filing complaints, scheduling hearings and resolving issues.

The full text of 521 CMR can be read on the [Mass.gov website](#).

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