

# 1994 Texas Accessibility Standards

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#### **Accessibility – Ground Level Exits at Delivery Truck Staging/Loading Dock Areas**

##### **Scoping and Application 4.1.3(8)(ii), 4.1.3(9)**

Due to the amount of space typically needed for truck staging at loading docks, it appears that compliant ramps at these required exits could interfere with the functions of this area. Therefore, at truck staging/loading dock areas, only, compliance by means of a ramp will be considered impracticable and therefore precluded by the nature of these areas and an area of rescue assistance (ARA) will be permitted without a variance application. The exception to allow a supervised automatic sprinkler in lieu of an ARA will be applicable at these exits only.

In instances where an exit is located in a way that could, perhaps, be provided and not interfere with truck staging/loading dock areas, compliant ramps will be required.

This is not to be applied to all other required exits not located at truck staging/loading dock areas. In instances where required exits are above or below grade level (of a building or facility), they shall be accessible unless a Variance Application is submitted and approved in accordance with Administrative Rules Chapter 68.31. Equivalent facilitation may also be considered by utilizing the variance process.