

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD - DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY

Access & ADA-Related Issues

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Access Board - U.S. Architectural & Transportation

Barriers Compliance Board

1331 F. Street NW, Suite 1000

Washington, DC 20004

202-272-0080 (V)

202-272-0082 (TTY)

1-800-872-2253 (Toll Free)

1-800-993-2822 (TTY)

Email: info@access-board.gov

E-mail: enforce@access-board.gov

www.access-board.gov

Develops and maintains design criteria for the built environment, transit vehicles, telecommunications equipment, medical diagnostic equipment, and information technology. It also provides technical assistance and training on these requirements and on accessible design and continues to enforce accessibility standards that cover federally funded facilities.

Enforcement: If you are concerned about access to a facility that may have been federally funded, you can file a complaint about it with the Access Board under the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA). The ABA requires access to facilities designed, built or altered with federal dollars or leased by federal agencies. The law covers a wide range of facilities, including post offices, social security offices, prisons, and national parks. It also applies to non-government facilities that have received federal funding, such as certain schools, public housing, and mass transit systems. The Board enforces the ABA through the investigation of complaints from the public. Complaints can be submitted through an online form or by email.

ADA National Network - Mid-Atlantic ADA Center

Marian Vessels, Director

12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 350

Rockville, MD 20852

1-800-949-4232 (Toll Free/TTY)

301-217-0124 (V/TTY)

www.adainfo.org

ADA specialists provide information and guidance on a wide range of ADA topics such as reasonable accommodations at work, building codes for new construction projects, accessible housing, and transitioning from school to work. Also develop and provide information specific to their state laws and regulations, and offer an extensive network of regional referrals. Provide training in-person or through distance technology such as webinars, podcasts and webcourses on all ADA topics such as: accessible information technology; ADA and education (pre-K through post-secondary); accessible architectural design; ADA and employment; accessible health care; emergency preparedness; and ADA and hospitality. Serve Delaware, D.C., Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia.

American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

Headquarters

1899 L Street, 11th Floor

Washington, DC, 20036

202-293-8020 (V)

E-mail: info@ansi.org

www.ansi.org

Neutral forum for the development of policies on standards issues and serves as a watchdog for standards development and conformity assessment programs and processes.

City of Gaithersburg – ADA Compliance

Sarah Fleming, PHR, SHRM-CP

301-258-6327 (V)

E-mail: sarah.fleming@gaithersburgmd.gov

Handle ADA questions and complaints regarding City of Gaithersburg owned or operated government buildings, programs and services, and contracted out services.

City of Rockville – ADA Compliance

Janet Kelly, ADA Coordinator

240-314-8316 (V)

E-mail: jkelly@rockvillemd.gov

Handle ADA questions and complaints regarding City of Rockville owned or operated government buildings, programs and services, and contracted out services.

City of Rockville - Human Rights Commission

111 Maryland Avenue

Rockville, MD 20850

240-314-8316 (V)

240-314-8100 (ADA Issues)

www.rockvillemd.gov/government/commissions/hr/

Provide free mediation services to people in the City of Rockville who may find themselves in conflict with a neighbor, landlord, tenant, or business. Review and/or hear investigated complaints of discrimination.

City of Takoma Park – ADA Compliance

Suzanne Ludlow, City Manager

301-891-7229 (V)

E-mail: SuzanneL@takomaparkmd.gov

Handle ADA questions and complaints regarding City of Rockville owned or operated government buildings, programs and services, and contracted out services.

Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund

510-644-2555 (V)

510-841-8465 (TTY)

E-mail: info@dredf.org

www.dredf.org

Advance the civil and human rights of people with disabilities through legal advocacy, training, education, and public policy and legislative development. Train and educate people with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities about their rights under state and federal disability rights laws so they can use the laws as tools to challenge exclusion and discrimination, and advocate effectively for full participation in the lives of their communities.

Equal Rights Center

11 Dupont Circle NW, Suite 450

Washington, DC 20036

202-234-3062 (V)

1-866-719-4372 (Toll Free)

E-mail: info@equalrightscenter.org

www.equalrightscenter.org

Civil rights organization that identifies and seeks to eliminate unlawful and unfair discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations in its home community of Greater Washington DC and nationwide. May be able to assist individuals in the area who believe they have experienced housing discrimination. Also available to assist with preparing requests for reasonable accommodations and modifications, and with assisting in filing an administrative complaint. Complaints can be filed online or via phone.

Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

1-800-526-7234 (Toll Free)

1-877-781-9403 (TTY)

E-mail: jan@askjan.org

<http://askjan.org>

Offer free and confidential one-on-one guidance on workplace accommodations, the ADA and related legislation, and self-employment and entrepreneurship options for people with disabilities.

Maryland Codes Administration

Dept. of Housing and Community Development

Norman C. Wang, RA, Director

7800 Harkins Road

Lanham, MD 20706

301-429-7666 (V)

E-mail: norma.wang1@maryland.gov

<http://dhcd.maryland.gov/Codes/Pages/AccessibilityCode.aspx>

Maryland building codes information. Provide technical assistance to local governments, industry and the public to ensure that buildings are accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Maryland Commission on Civil Rights

William Donald Schaefer Tower

6 Saint Paul Street, Suite 900

Baltimore, MD 21202

410-767-8600 (V)

1-800-637-6247 (Toll Free)

E-mail: mccr@maryland.gov

www.mccr.maryland.gov

Ensure equal opportunity to all through the enforcement of Maryland's laws against discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations. Call here for discrimination concerns and to file a grievance.

Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)

ADA Compliance Officer

7201 Corporate Center Drive, Mail Stop 330

Hanover, MD 21076

410-865-1000 (V)

E-mail: mdotada@mdot.state.md.us

www.mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/ADA/index.html

Provide transportation programs and services that support public or private transportation opportunities for individuals with disabilities and senior citizens.

Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA)

Wanda L. Dade, ADA Title II Compliance Coordinator

707 Calvert Street

Baltimore, MD 21202

410-545-0327 (V)

1-866-910-8866 (Toll Free)

E-mail: ada@sha.state.md.us

<http://roads.maryland.gov/index.aspx?PagelD=568>

Contact if you are having concerns relating to SHA services, programs or activities or have questions or comments concerning SHA's ADA program.

Metro Ombudsman Program for Customers with Disabilities – Office of ADA Policy and Planning

David J. Shaffer, ADA Ombudsman

600 5th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
202-962-1100 (V)
202-962-3780 (TTY)

E-mail: access@wmata.com

<https://www.wmata.com/service/accessibility/free-resources.cfm>

Customer Comment Form:

<http://wmata.custhelp.com/app/home/>

If you have a complaint about an accessibility issue within the Metrobus, Metrorail or MetroAccess system, please use the online customer comment form. If you can document that you have tried to resolve your concerns and complaints related to accessibility issues within the Metrobus, Metrorail or MetroAccess services through the Metro complaint process and have not met with a satisfactory resolution, you may contact the Metro Ombudsman Program for Customers with Disabilities. Office helps individuals understand their rights and responsibilities as well as their options; make inquiries on an individual's behalf and obtain responses to his/her questions; help present an individual's complaint to the parties responsible for resolution; mediate between an individual and other parties to a conflict to bring about a mutually agreeable outcome; and recommend changes in policies, procedures, and practices to prevent similar problems from occurring.

Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services

255 Hungerford Drive, 2nd Floor
Rockville, MD 20850
311 (In County)
240-777-0311 (Out of County)

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/permittingservices

Online Complaint Form:

<http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/online/eComplaint.aspx>

Responsible for issuance of building permits and provide technical assistance on local building codes, ADA, parking requirements, restrooms, and accessibility. Complaints can be file online or via telephone.

Montgomery County Department of Transportation Div. of Transportation Engineering

100 Edison Park Drive, 4th Floor
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
240-777-2190 (Main Line)

E-mail: mcdot.dte.planning@montgomerycountymd.gov

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-transit/index.html

Designs and constructs transportation systems and infrastructure, including bikeways, sidewalks, transit facilities, ADA ramps, roads and storm drains; inspects, maintains and builds bridges; and acquires property for projects.

Montgomery County Government Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Department of General Services

Angela Dizelos, Acting ADA Title II Compliance Manager
101 Monroe Street, 9th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850
240-777-6197 (V)

E-mail: adacompliance@montgomerycountymd.gov

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DGS-ADA/Home.html

The Department's ADA Compliance Team provides training and technical assistance to County departments, ensures that buildings and facilities are built and maintained in accordance with the ADA, provides information and assistance to the public on the accessibility of County programs and services and administers the County's Title II grievance procedure.

Montgomery County Government Office of Human Resources Equal Employment Opportunity

Angela Washington, EEO Officer, Title I Compliance
101 Monroe Street, 7th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850
240-777-5011 (V)

E-mail: angela.washington@montgomerycountymd.gov

Montgomery County is committed to Equal Employment Opportunity and prohibits discrimination or harassment based on any basis covered by Federal, State and Local laws. The County also prohibits discrimination or harassment consistent with Montgomery County Personnel Regulations, Section 5 and the Workplace Harassment policy.

Montgomery County Parks – Park Development

Bob Green, ADA Compliance Project Manager
9500 Brunett Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20901
301-495-2571 (V)

E-mail: bob.green@montgomeryparks.org

301-495-2581 (Program Access)

E-mail: programaccess@montgomerycountymd.gov

Maintain the park system that includes: 400+ parks across 34,000 acres; 500+ lakes; 457 miles of streams; 305 tennis courts; 296 athletic fields; 289 playgrounds; 208 basketball courts; 189 miles of paved and natural surface trails; 114 picnic areas; 110 historic structures; 102 campsites; 31 park activity buildings; nature centers, miniature trains, indoor tennis facilities, boat rental facilities, indoor and open air ice rinks, event centers, public gardens, and more. Program Access, also referred to as "Inclusion", within the Montgomery County Department of Parks is how individuals with disabilities are welcome to participate in recreational programs and activities of their choice. Reasonable modifications (also known as accommodations) are provided to enable an individual's successful participation in a program. Minimum eligibility requirements (age, level of participation) must be met to participate.

Montgomery County Public Schools

Resolution and Compliance Unit

Tracee N. Hackett, Supervisor
301-517-5864 (V)

E-mail: Tracee_N_Hackett@mcpsmd.org

Monitors and supports the provision of procedural safeguards under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA 2004). Problem solve disputes regarding the identification, evaluation, educational placement, or provision of a free appropriate public education for a student with a disability or suspected of having a disability under IDEA. Work with families to provide technical support in understanding and accessing procedural safeguards under the IDEA 2004 and assisting parents/guardians in resolving disputes prior to mediation or due process hearings.

Performance Evaluation and Compliance Unit

Heather Dublinske, Coordinator
45 W. Gude Drive, Suite 2100
Rockville, MD 20850
301-279-3361 (V)

E-mail: Heather_Dublinske@mcpsmd.org

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org

Handle ADA complaints and legal compliance for school programs.

Montgomery County Office of Human Rights

21 Maryland Avenue, Suite 330
Rockville, MD 20850
240-777-8450 (V - Complaints/Compliance)
E-mail:

human-rights.administration@montgomerycountymd.gov

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/humanrights

Conduct investigations on complaints of discrimination and harassment in the business sector or housing discrimination complaint. Also provide information on requirements for townhouse and condominium developments.

National Aging and Disability Transportation Center

1-866-983-3222 (Toll Free)
202-347-7385 (TTY)

E-mail: contact@ndatc.org

www.ndatc.org

Promote the availability and accessibility of transportation options for older adults, people with disabilities, caregivers and communities through technical assistance, information and referral, community grants, training and outreach.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Federal Housing Administration (FHA)

1-800-225-5342 (FHA Resource Center)
1-800-877-8339 (TTY – Federal Information Relay)
1-800-669-9777 (Housing Discrimination Hotline)

E-mail: answers@hud.gov

www.hud.gov/answers

Federal law prohibits housing discrimination based on your race, color, national origin, religion, sex, family status, or disability. If you have been trying to buy or rent a home or apartment and you believe your rights have been violated, you can file a fair housing complaint.

U.S. Department of Justice - ADA Information Line Civil Rights Division

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530
1-800-514-0301 (V)
1-800-514-0383 (TTY)

www.ada.gov

Provide general ADA information, answer technical questions and investigate complaints. ADA Specialists are available to provide ADA information and answers to technical questions on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. or on Thursday from 12:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time). Calls are confidential. You can also file ADA complaints with the department via an online form.

U. S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Baltimore Field Office
City Crescent Building
10 S. Howard Street, Third Floor
Baltimore, MD 21201
1-800-669-4000 (Toll Free)
1-800-669-6820 (TTY)
1-844-234-5122 (Videophone)

E-mail: info@eEOC.gov

www.eEOC.gov

Provide information and assistance on equality in the hiring of people with disabilities. The Baltimore Field Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Intake assistance for filing a charge is regularly available on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Individuals wishing to file a charge of discrimination may walk in from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and be seen by Intake staff on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs

11 Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20036
202-319-1000 (V)
202-319-1011 ext. 8001 (Spanish)
1-800-299-8308 (Toll Free)

E-mail: WLC@washlaw.org

www.washlaw.org

Provide pro bono legal services and handle discrimination complaints including MetroAccess complaints, Equal Employment Opportunity, fair housing, public accommodations, disability rights, and public education.