



INTERPRETATIONS & APPLICATIONS
OF BUILDING CODES & REGULATIONS 08-2

CODE SECTION: ADAAG

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SUBJECT: Door Swing in a Single Occupancy ADA Accessible Bathroom

The city of Scottsdale adopts and enforces Arizona Revised Statutes Section 41-1492.03 (Arizonans with Disabilities Act), R 10-3-403 and R 10-3-404, which includes 28 CFR Part 35, and 28 CFR Part 36, and the American (Arizonans) with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Building and Facilities(ADAAG).

Both the ADA (AzDA) and ADAAG (AzDAAG) have door swing requirements pertaining to a single user accessible bathroom. Essentially, the door shall not swing into the space **dedicated at a fixture** for a wheelchair (doors swinging into the required 5' turn-around is already allowed).

| The [proposed](#) ADA update recommends removing the door swing requirements from single user bathrooms, based on how the bathroom is used. The rationale is that upon entering a single user bathroom, the user will lock the door, removing the risk of being hit by a swinging door. Providing a clear floor space (30" X 48") beyond the arc of the door swing is still required.

| The [2003](#) ICC/ANSI A117.1 has removed the door swing requirement within a single user bathroom based on the same rationale.

The disabled public agrees, and supports the door swing revisions for the reasons given.

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| All other ADA requirements for single and multi-user restrooms shall be as required by law.

