



# Village of Villa Park

## Public Works Department • Permitting

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## Handicap Ramps/Lifts

### PERMIT APPLICATION

The Village of Villa Park requires a permit prior to beginning any construction.

To obtain a permit, the following is required:

- Completed Permit Application
- Contractor's Bond, Insurance and Licensing form and documents
- Permit fee

### General Requirements

Any construction of ramps, handrails, and lifts for any public facility or multi-story housing unit must be in compliance with the accessibility code for the state of Illinois:

- Curb ramps and interior or exterior ramps to be constructed on existing sites or in existing buildings or facilities where space limitations prohibit the use of a 1:12 slope or less may have slopes and rises as follows:
  - A slope between 1:10 and 1:12 is allowed for a maximum rise of 6 in.
  - A slope between 1:8 and 1:10 is allowed for a maximum rise of 3 in. A slope steeper than 1:8 is not allowed.
- Handrails shall not be required in alterations where such extensions would be hazardous, such as interfering with the operation of a door. The following are required in all other circumstances:
  - The diameter or width of the gripping surfaces of a handrail or grab bar shall be 1-1/4 in. to 1-1/2 in. (32 mm to 38 mm), or the shape shall provide an equivalent gripping surface.
  - If handrails or grab bars are mounted adjacent to a wall, the space between the wall and the grab bar shall be 1-1/2 in. (38 mm) (see Illustration B, Fig. 39(a), (b), (c), and (e)).
  - Handrails may be located in a recess if the recess is a maximum of 3 in. (75 mm) deep and extends at least 18 in. (455 mm) above the top of the rail
- Platform Lifts (See Section 400.310(H)(1)(D) and (h)(2). of the Illinois accessibility Code)