OBJECTIVE: To develop an understanding of the buildings, facilities and features that are required to be accessible.


KEY POINTS:

- To what extent do the accessibility provisions apply?
- Under what provisions are Accessible units regulated for technical requirements? Type A units? Type B units?
- How do the specific requirements of the IBC affect the degree of accessibility that must be provided? Is partial accessibility acceptable?
- Under what provisions are existing buildings regulated for accessibility?
- What specific accessibility features must be applied to employee work areas? Under what conditions are employee work areas exempt from all accessibility requirements?
- What types of residential structures are not required to be accessible?
- What are the two specific conditions in which utility buildings must conform to the applicable accessibility requirements?
- Which portions of a construction site are not required to be accessible?
- What are examples of raised areas used for security, life safety or fire safety that do not need to be accessible?
- What are examples of limited access spaces where accessibility is not required to be provided?
- What types of equipment spaces are exempt from the requirements for accessibility?
- Single-occupant spaces accessed in what manner do not need to be accessible?
- Under which conditions is a Group R-1 occupancy exempt from the accessibility provisions?
- How is a day-care facility located within a dwelling unit regulated for accessibility?
- How is the nonresidential portion of a live/work unit required to be regulated for accessibility? The residential portion?
KEY POINTS:  • What areas of detention and correctional facilities are not required to be accessible or served by an accessible route?
  • When are walk-in coolers and freezers required to be accessible?
The approach taken by the code on accessibility is to require all construction to be accessible and then provide for an acceptable level of accessibility that is reasonable and logical. If there is no exemption or reduction cited in the code, then full accessibility is mandated.