



**MY BUSINESS  
IS ACCESSIBLE.**  
*IS YOURS?*

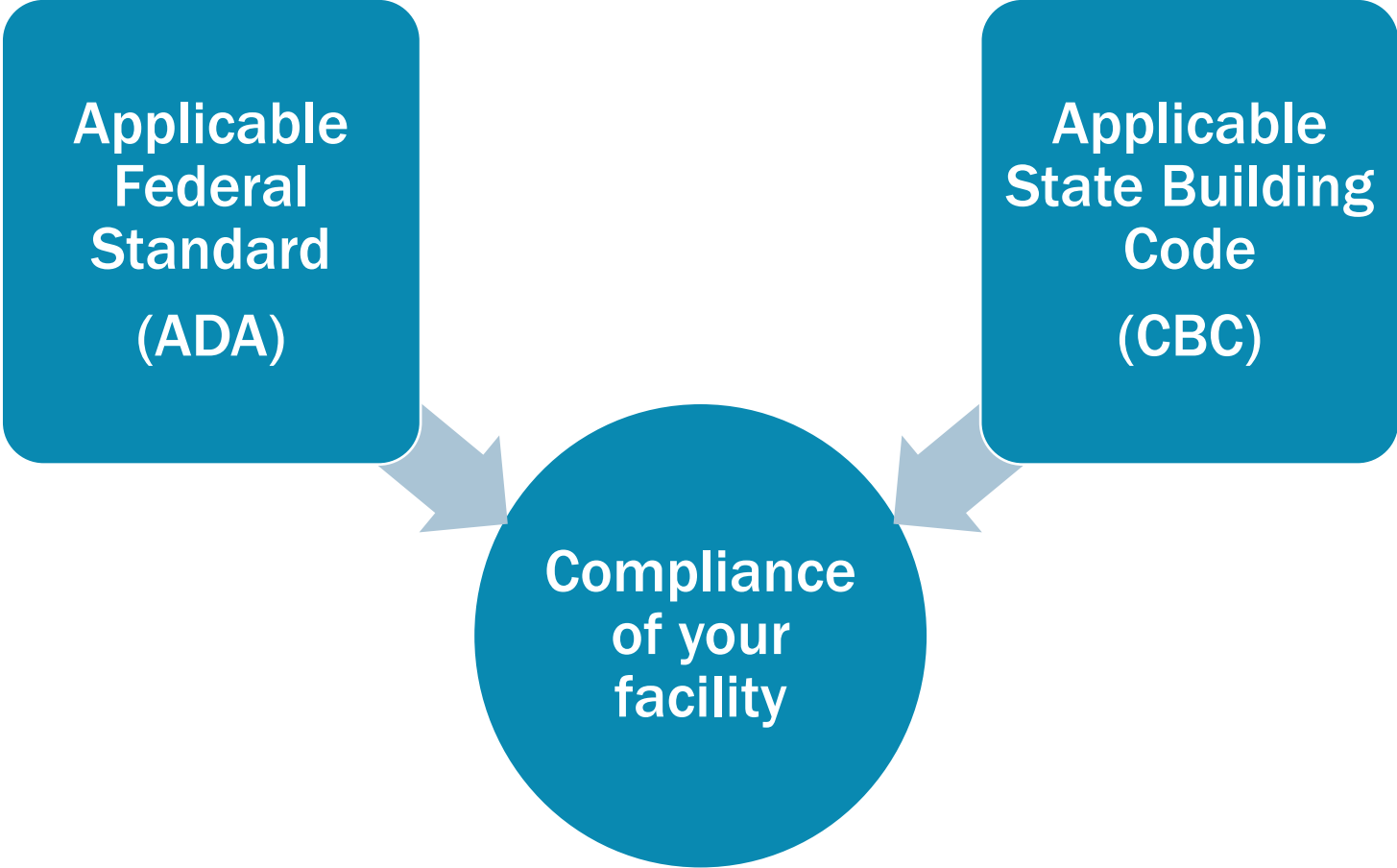


**Hire a CASp. Be in compliance. Get legal benefits.**

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# What Is Compliance?



Compliance is determined by the applicable standards.

# Compliance to ADA

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## Facilities built before January 26, 1992:

- Must remove barriers that are readily achievable: *“readily achievable barrier removal” (RABR)*
- READILY ACHIEVABLE means easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense.
- Requirements less restrictive and assistive services must be provided where compliance has been determined to be not “readily achievable”

ADA states that an existing facility has a “continuous obligation for barrier removal.”

Readily achievable barrier removal is a continuing obligation for pre-ADA facilities.

Barrier removal that was not readily achievable initially may later be required because you have more resources available; therefore, you must continually monitor its accessibility as well as its financial and other resources and engage in barrier removal as new measures become readily achievable.

# Readily Achievable Barrier Removal

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Factors to be considered include :

- 1) The nature and cost of the action needed;
- 2) The overall financial resources of the site or sites involved in the action; the number of persons employed at the site; the effect on expenses and resources; legitimate safety requirements that are necessary for safe operation, including crime prevention measures; or the impact otherwise of the action upon the operation of the site;
- 3) The geographic separateness, and the administrative or fiscal relationship of the site or sites in question to any parent corporation or entity;
- 4) If applicable, the overall financial resources of any parent corporation or entity; the overall size of the parent corporation or entity with respect to the number of its employees; the number, type, and location of its facilities; and
- 5) If applicable, the type of operation or operations of any Parent Corporation or entity, including the composition, structure, and functions of the workforce of the parent corporation or entity.

# Compliance to ADA

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## Facilities submitted for permit after January 26, 1993:

- Designed and constructed to the 1991 ADAS (ADA Standards)
- Assistive services are not permitted in lieu of compliance to the standards

## Facilities submitted for permit after March 15, 2012:

- Designed and constructed to the 2010 ADAS (ADA Standards)
- Readily Achievable Barrier Removal for those items not covered in the 1991 ADAS
- Assistive services are not permitted in lieu of compliance to the standards

# Compliance to CBC

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## California Building Code (CBC) Accessibility Requirements:

- Compliance to the standards required at time of permit submittal
- Places *path of travel* requirements on altered facilities
- No barrier removal provisions or no requirement to come into compliance with current CBC outside of a planned improvement

## ADA and CBC requires maintenance of accessible features for compliance:

- Review operational and maintenance policies
- Educate employees

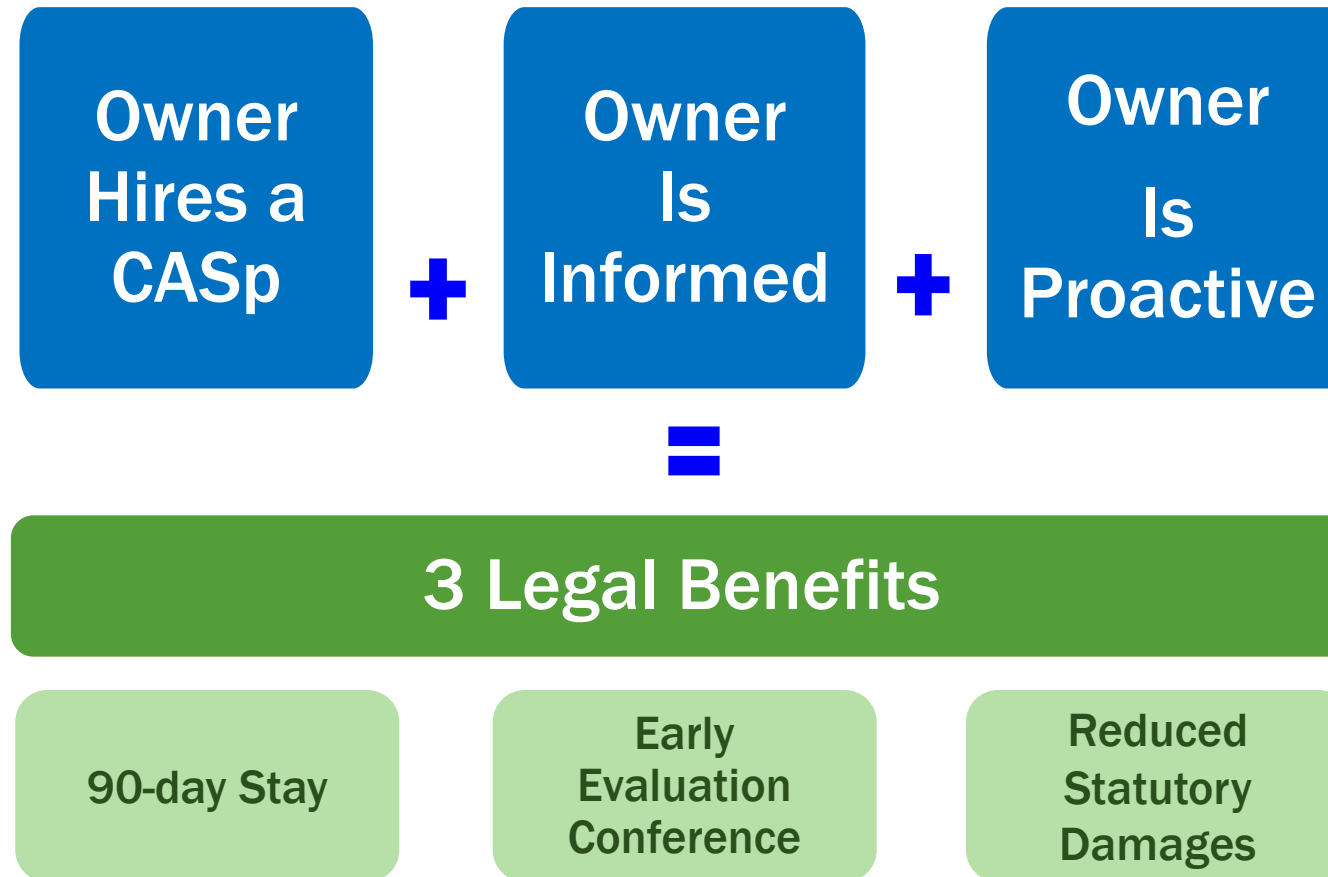
**Am I Compliant? If not.....  
How Do I Get Compliant?**

**Hire A CASp.**

**CRASCA**

**Construction-Related Accessibility  
Standards Compliance Act  
*CA CIV 55.51-55.545***

# Legal Benefits In Achieving Compliance Through CRASCA





# CRASCA Determinations

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Meets Applicable  
Standards



Inspected by a CASp

# CRASCA Determinations

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## “Meets Applicable Standards”

- Identification and description of inspected structures and areas of the site
- A signed and dated statement that the facility meets construction-related accessibility standards
- Indicate if the determination of the CASp includes an assessment of *readily achievable barrier removal*
- A signed and dated statement that indicates corrections were made as a result of a CASp inspection which includes a list of all corrections and dates of completion

# CRASCA Determinations

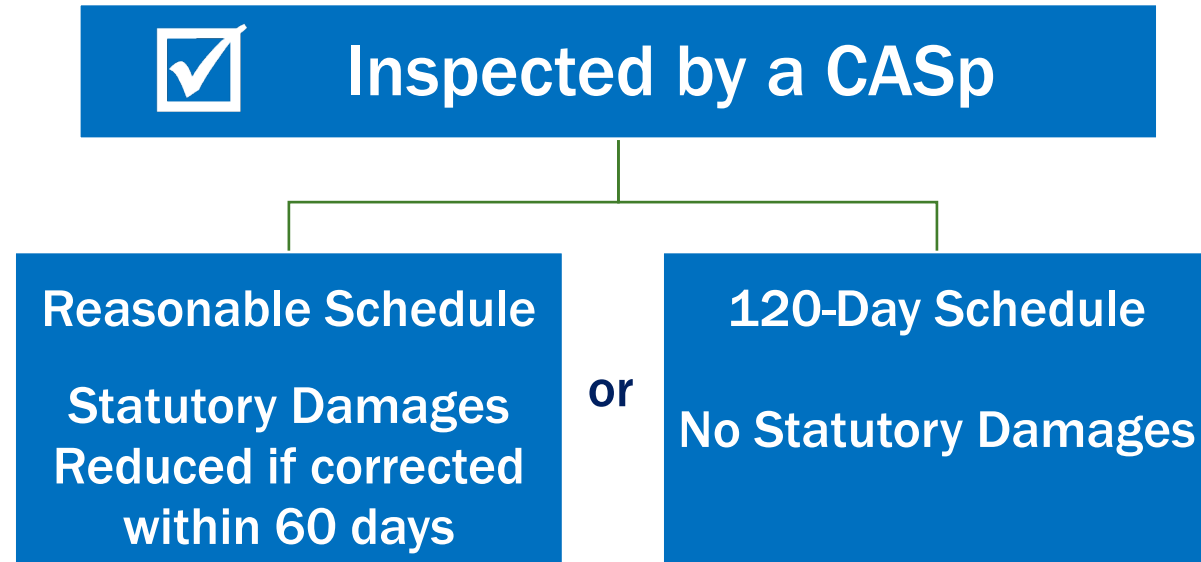
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## “Inspected by a CASp”

- Identification and description of inspected structures and areas of the site
- A signed and dated statement that correction is needed to meet construction-related accessibility standards
- Indicate if the determination of the CASp includes an assessment of *readily achievable barrier removal*
- An identification and description of the structures or areas of the site that need correction and the correction needed
- A schedule of completion for each of the correctons within a reasonable timeframe

# If You're Not Compliant.....

Violations should be corrected as quickly as possible because a claim can be filed against you while you are making improvements towards compliance. A claimant is entitled to \$4000 statutory damages per occasion if owner is found liable.



If the owner elects to achieve compliance in 120 days, they are eligible for a grace period from liability for minimum statutory damages. Applies to businesses of less than 50 employees over past 3 years.

# Disability Access Inspection Certificate

Certificates are a record of inspection and not a certificate of compliance

*“This certificate does not imply that this facility meets design and construction requirements for accessibility for individuals with disabilities.”*



The image shows a sample of a Disability Access Inspection Certificate. It is a blue document with white text. At the top left, there is a checkmark icon. To its right, the text reads: "All or part of this facility located at" followed by a white box containing the word "SAMPLE" in red. Below this, it says "has been inspected by a Certified Access Specialist (CAsp)". The main title "ACCESS INSPECTED" is written in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, a disclaimer states: "THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THIS FACILITY MEETS DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESSIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES." At the bottom, there are four fields for information: "Inspection Date:", "CAsp Signature:", "CAsp Certificate #:", and "CAsp Name:". The "CAsp Name" field has "(Please Print)" written below it. There is also a field for "Inspection Certificate #:". At the bottom left is the official seal of the State Architect, and at the bottom right is the website address "www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/Programs/progAccess.aspx".

# Applicable Standards

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**While state and federal standards may be updated periodically, the applicable standards of your facility do not change unless you make physical improvements to your facility.**

**CRASCA inspection report does not expire.  
Legal benefits remain in place provided you do not perform an alteration to the inspected area after compliance.**

# Finding a CASp

Division of the State Architect

For example, how to sell to the state? **SEARCH**

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## CASp Property Inspection

The public can learn the benefits of hiring a Certified Access Specialist (CASp) through the Division of the State Architect (DSA) to inspect buildings and sites for compliance with applicable state and federal construction-related accessibility standards.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- [Guide to Accessible Parking: Business Owners and Operators \(PDF\)](#)
- [GET LISTED! Voluntary Listing of CASp Inspected Businesses Handout \(PDF\)](#)
- [Dispelling the Myths of Compliance Handout \(PDF\)](#)
- [CASp Benefits Flyer \(PDF\)](#)
- [CASp Benefits Flyer in Spanish \(PDF\)](#)
- [Brochure on Hiring a CASp \(PDF\)](#)
- [Notice to Private Property Owner/Tenant \(PDF\)](#)
- [Ensuring Equal Access: Open Air Dining and Curbside Pick-up Webinar](#)

**BUSINESS OWNERS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** +

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**CASP INSPECTED BUSINESSES** +

**CASP INSPECTED, 120-DAY GRACE PERIOD NOTICE** +


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# Certified Access Specialist List



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**List of Certified Access Specialists**

To find a Certified Access Specialist (CASp) in your area, click on the column headers to sort the fields or use the search feature by entering your area code or county. Certified Access Specialists (CASp) with a "Yes" in the "Do Inspections" column are available to perform inspections for your facility.

**Statement:** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a state agency or employee of a state agency may not be held liable for any injury or damages resulting from any service provided by a certified access specialist whose name appears on this list published pursuant to Government Code section 4459.7(a).

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Certified Access Specialist ▲	Phone # ⇅	Email ⇅	Cert # ⇅	Exp Date ⇅	Do Inspections ⇅	Inspection County(s) ⇅
Abarquez, Joey	714-848-0487	abarquez@aol.com	CASp-315	9/15/2025		
Abbott, Ron	916-233-8882		CASp-135	9/22/2024		
Abdaljawwad, Ola	916-715-4904	ola_abdaljawwad@yahoo.com	CASp-161	11/18/2024		
Abel, Mark	707-565-1366		CASp-900	12/2/2025		
Abeyta, Michael	562-290-8506	mike@ftaarchitecture.com	CASp-701	8/12/2025	Yes	Los Angeles, Orange
Adamson, Chris	530-754-1016		CASp-133	9/21/2024		
Adler, Jonathan	831-429-4191	ja@access-compliance.net	CASp-003	9/29/2026	Yes	Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Mariposa, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus



# Before You Call a CASp

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## Prepare the following information:

- Know the date of original construction
- Know the improvement history
- Know the public accommodation areas of your facility
- Read your lease agreements and ask your landlord if the facility has had a CASp inspection
- Review operational policies and maintenance policies to see where you are vulnerable

# After You Receive Your CRASCA Report .....

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Keep to the improvement schedule

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Ask a building department CASp to provide the final inspection

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Keep your files in a safe place

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Maintain your accessible features

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Train your employees

# A Few More Tips.....

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**If you receive a demand letter or an access claim.....**

- **Consult an attorney with specialty in access litigation**
- **If you have not yet done so, hire a CASp to see if violations are valid to the applicable standards**
- **Remember that statutory damage limits are \$4000 per occasion and not per violation**

**A CASp can do more than provide accessibility inspections:**

- **Plan review**
- **Consultations**