

Waterlogic Position Statement for ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG)

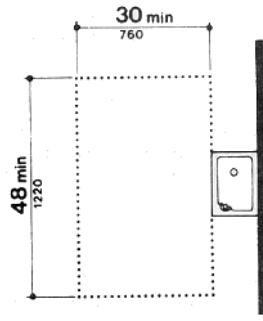
The Americans with Disabilities Act requires certain accessibility requirements for new and old construction. Published with the ADA standards is a set of accessibility guideless, often referred to as the ADAAG (American with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines). Water coolers and most other appurtenances do not receive ADA certification, but need to be compliant with the ADAAG.

The guidelines provide technical requirements for accessibility to buildings and facilities by individuals with disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. These scoping and technical requirements are to be applied during the design, construction, and alteration of buildings and facilities covered by titles II and III of the ADA to the extent required by regulations issued by Federal agencies, including the Department of Justice and the Department of Transportation, under the ADA. The full ADAAG can be viewed at: <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/background/adaag>. The section pertaining to drinking fountains and water coolers is 4.15 and can be found here: <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/background/adaag#4.15>.

The requirements state:

1. Spouts shall be no higher than 36-inches (915mm) from the floor.
2. Spout located at front of unit, water flow parallel to front of unit.
3. Minimum 4-inch (100mm) dispenser gap.
4. Flow stream within 3-inches (75mm) of unit front.
5. Unit controls shall be front mounted or side mounted near the front edge.
6. Controls to be operable with a clinched fist, less than 22N of force.
7. Free-standing or built-in units must have a clear floor space in front of machine of minimum 30-in by 48-in (760mm x 1220mm) that allows a person in a wheelchair to make a parallel approach to the unit.

Drinking Fountains and Water Coolers - Clear Floor Space



From the requirements listed above, you can see, for example, certain Waterlogic systems meet the ADAAG such as our WL2 Firewall and WL270 and WL290 models.

ADAAG Requirement	WL2 FX	WL270/290
Spout height no higher than 36-inches (915mm) from the floor	36-inches ✓	36-inches ✓
Spout located at front of unit, water flow parallel to front of unit	✓✓	✓✓
Minimum 4-inch (100mm) dispenser gap	✓	✓
Flow stream within 3-inches (75mm) of unit front	< 2-in. ✓	< 2-in. ✓
Controls to be operable with a clinched fist, less than 22N of force	✓ 1.1N	✓ 1.9N
Clear floor space in front of machine of minimum 30-in by 48-in (760mm x 1220mm)	Installer to ensure	Installer to ensure

The actual certification occurs at walk through of the facility after construction by the Certified Access Specialist (CASP member) when all guidelines are met. It is important to note the cooler needs to be installed before it can be deemed compliant with the ADAAG.

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