

# **Vista Points & Overlooks**

## **I. CONCEPT**

- A.** Vista points, roadside pullouts and/or overlooks, their features, views and the experiences they provide, must be accessible.  
*AGODA F246*
- B.** Where multiple viewing areas are provided, at least 20%, but not less than 1 of each viewing opportunity for each distinct point of interest shall be accessible.  
*AGODA F246.3*
- C.** At least one outdoor recreation access route (ORAR) shall connect the accessible parking spaces or other arrival points serving the viewing area with accessible outdoor constructed features, elements, spaces and facilities within the viewing area.  
*AGODA F246.4*

## **II. VIEWING AREAS**

- A.** A clear ground space shall be provided at each distinct viewing location. The clear ground space shall be 36” minimum by 48” minimum and shall be positioned for either a forward or parallel approach to the viewing location. One full unobstructed side of the clear ground space shall adjoin or overlap an ORAR or trail as applicable.  
*AGODA 1015.2*

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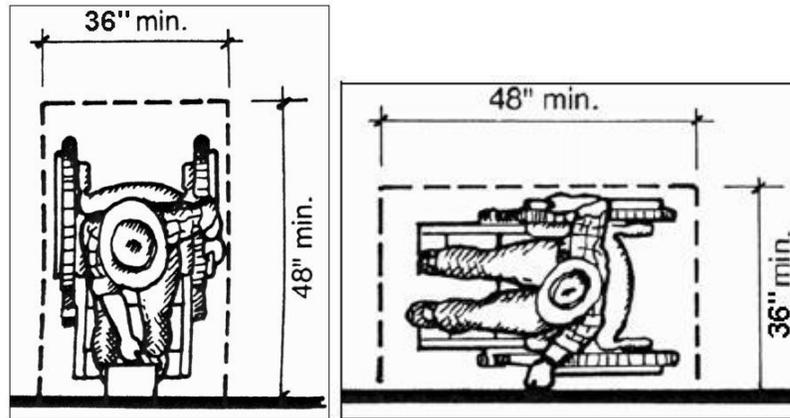


Figure 44-1 Position of Clear Floor or Ground Space

- B. The viewing area shall have at least one circular space 60" in diameter minimum or a T-shaped space at least 36" wide and 60" long on each leg.  
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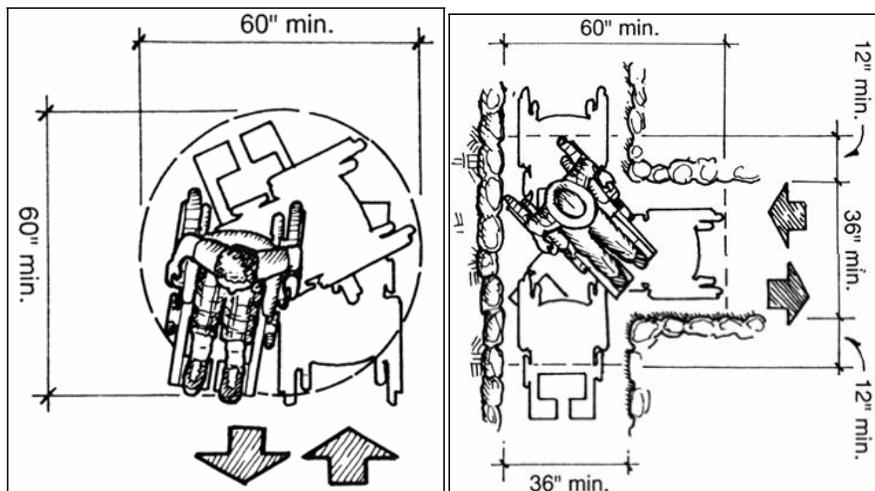


Figure 44-2 Circular Turning Space or T-Shaped Turning Space

- C. The maneuvering space shall be firm, stable and shall not exceed a 2% slope in any direction. Where the surface is other than asphalt, concrete, or boards, a slope not greater than 5% shall be permitted when necessary for drainage.  
AGODA 1015.5-1015.6
- D. Each distinct viewing location shall allow unrestricted viewing to accommodate eye levels between 32" and 51" from the ground and shall extend the full width of the clear ground space. EXCEPTION: Guardrails or other safety barriers are

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permitted to obstruct the viewing space to the extent the obstruction is necessary for the guard or safety barrier to serve its intended purpose.

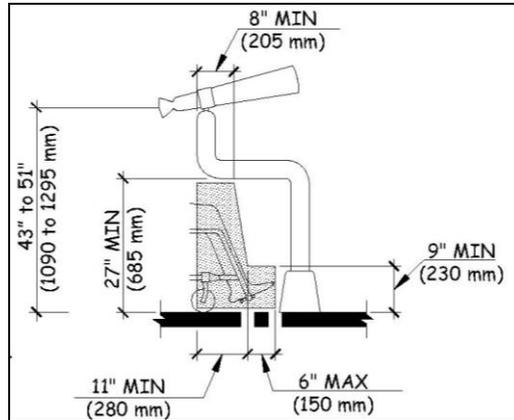
AGODA 1015.3

- E. Descriptive signs provided at vista points shall meet appropriate standards.  
★ Refer to Section 18 - Exhibits and Section 36 - Signage.
- F. Where feasible, provide audible versions of exhibit information, when exhibits are designed or redesigned.

### III. VIEWING SCOPES

- A. Where viewing scopes are provided within viewing areas (e.g. telescopes, periscopes, etc.) at least 20%, but never less than one, of each type shall be accessible.  
AGODA 246.3
- B. A clear floor or ground space 36" x 48" shall be positioned for a forward approach to the viewing scope. One full unobstructed side of the clear ground space shall adjoin or overlap an ORAR or trail, or another clear ground space.  
AGODA 1011.2.1
- C. Knee and toe clearance shall be provided under the viewing scope.  
AGODA 1011.2.1  
★ Refer to Section 0.1 - Accessibility Basics, Part VI Knee and Toe Clearance.
- D. Where only one viewing scope is provided, it must be useable from both a seated and a standing position.
- E. The eyepiece of accessible viewing scopes shall be 43" minimum, 51" maximum above the ground.  
AGODA 1011.8

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**Figure 44-3 Viewing Scope Clearances**

- F.** All operating controls shall be operable with one hand, shall not require tight grasping, pinching or twisting, and controls shall not require greater than 5 lbs. of force to activate.

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- G.** All operating controls shall be located within the minimum reach ranges prescribed for a forward approach.

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★ Refer to Section 0.1 - Accessibility Basics, Part VIII Reach Range.