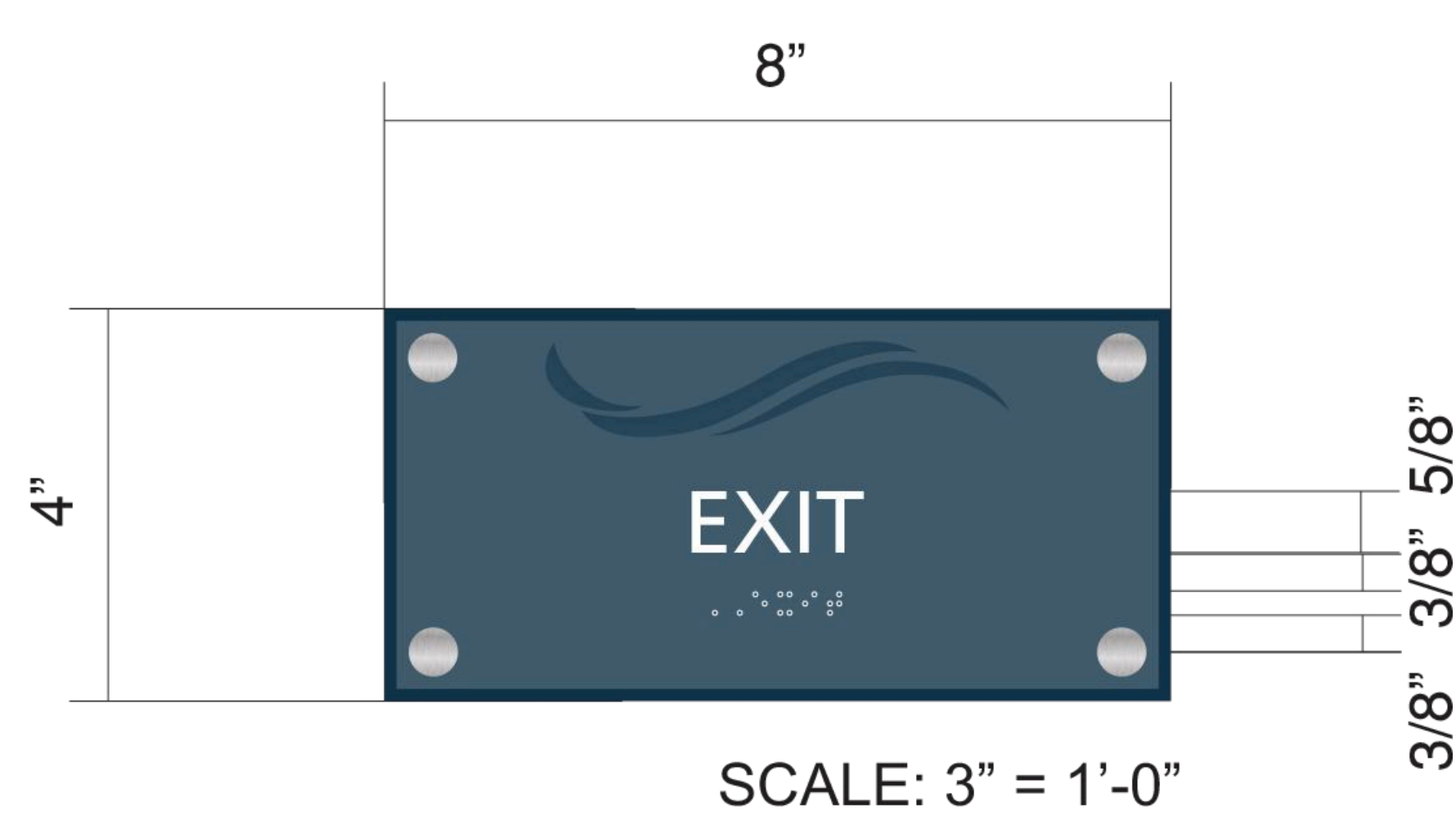


ADA Signs: Ensuring Accessibility and Compliance

At Blink Signs, we believe that creating inclusive spaces is essential. A crucial aspect of inclusivity is ensuring your signage is accessible to everyone, including people with disabilities. This is where the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) comes in. The ADA sets specific standards for signage to guarantee that individuals with visual impairments can easily navigate and understand the information presented.

Mandatory Requirements for ADA-Compliant Signage

Here's a breakdown of the key elements that make a sign ADA-compliant:



1. Visual Clarity

- **Font:** Use sans serif fonts like Arial or Helvetica, which are easier to read.
- **Size:** The text should be large enough to be read from a distance. The ADA recommends a minimum 1/2-inch height for uppercase letters, but the size may need to be larger depending on the viewing distance.
- **Contrast:** Ensure sufficient contrast between the text and background. The ADA recommends a contrast ratio of at least 70%.
- **Spacing:** Adequate spacing between letters, words, and lines improves readability.
- **Finish:** Use a non-glare finish to minimize reflections. Use a non-glare finish to minimize reflections.

2. Tactile Elements

- **Braille:** Include Grade 2 Braille on signs to provide tactile information for people with visual impairments.
- **Raised Characters:** Use raised characters for pictograms and symbols.

3. Placement and Mounting

- **Height:** Mount signs at a height that is reachable and visible for wheelchair users.
- **Location:** Place signs consistently on the latch side of doors and in locations that do not create hazards.
- **Protrusion:** Ensure signs protruding from the wall comply with ADA protrusion limits.

Sources and Resources:

- **2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design:** This document provides detailed information on ADA requirements for signage and other elements of the built environment. You can access it on the ADA website (ada.gov).
- **Blink Signs:** We are experts in ADA-compliant signage. Contact us for a free consultation and let us help you create an inclusive and accessible space.

Remember:

ADA compliance is not just about avoiding legal issues; it's about creating a welcoming space for everyone. By following these guidelines, you can ensure that your signage is accessible and inclusive.