

## Tax Breaks

Did you know there are tax incentives for making your business more accessible to individuals with disabilities?

There are two tax breaks that may help offset the cost of bringing your business into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). For detailed information on these tax breaks go online to:

[www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov)

## What do I need to do in order for JACIL to conduct a free Survey at my business?

Surveys are generally requested by businesses that wish to improve the accessibility of their business for either their employees or their customers.

Upon receiving your request, an appointment will be made to visit your site and conduct an assessment. JACIL will then provide to you a written report outlining specific observations and recommendations to improve accessibility at your business.

## To set up an appointment for a free Accessibility Survey contact:

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## Are Your Services ACCESSIBLE to Everyone?

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## Accessibility: It's the Law!

Accessibility is important to your business and to people with disabilities. But because there are several laws that require and enforce accessibility, it can be confusing and overwhelming to the general layperson.

One of the many laws currently on the books is Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. Title III requires public accommodations to provide goods and services to people with disabilities on an equal basis with the rest of the population.

JACIL can help you determine if your business and services are accessible to persons with a simple and free accessibility survey.

## What is an Accessibility Survey?

An Accessibility Survey is a simple tool used to determine if your business is accessible to all persons, regardless of disability.



## What Can JACIL Do?

- ✓ Evaluate your business and services in terms of accessibility and ease of use by persons with disabilities
- ✓ Make recommendations to provide or improve accessibility
- ✓ Answer any questions you may have in regard to access or regulations which apply to your business or facility.

## Are There Any Answers?

Many accessibility issues are surprisingly simple to resolve and take a minimal investment to achieve. JACIL can often suggest low-cost or no-cost solutions.

## Why Should My Business and Services Be Accessible for People With Disabilities?

First of all, it's the law. The ADA was passed in 1990, so building and service access has been the law of the land for years.

Being accessible also makes good business sense. People with disabilities are members of the community who have incomes and money to spend. If your business and services are not accessible, people with disabilities will spend their money at a business that is accessible.

People with disabilities comprise approximately 20% of our nation's population, so accessibility is quite simply smart business.

