

Certified Access Specialist

Selecting A CASp Inspector

When you interview your CASp Inspector:

Your expert needs to be familiar with the ADA Accessibility Guidelines (1994 ADAAG), the 2010 ADA Standards, and the California Building Code

- Ask about their background with the ADA and Building Code. Don't rely just on a resume!
- For entryway alterations: Ask if they have experience working with the Planning Department's Historic Preservation staff and Public Works Infrastructure Design and Construction division.
- A good CASp inspector will have experience in construction, design, and inspection.
- Ask how many CASp inspections they have done.
- Ask for references, and then follow up by calling the reference or visiting the business.
- Ask if they work with an attorney, and if so ask about them as well.
- Ask if they work with a contractor, and if the contractor charges for estimates.
- Ask to see a sample CASp report.

The CASp Report:

- Your CASp should pull a full building permit history and include a summary of the remodeling work in the report in order to place the context or previous triggers for access under Californian Building Code.
- The CASp report should describe both the building and its characteristics such as on-site parking, and the occupancy type such as M-retail or A-dining banquet and bar.
- The CASp report should identify all of the barriers, following the format of the priority table in the ADA where the 1st priority is the entrance, the 2nd priority is the path of travel, 3rd priority is the restrooms, tables and chairs, and counters.
- The report should have photos of the barriers.
- Your CASp should be capable of identifying both problems and solutions.
- And last of all, your CASp inspector should help you assemble a plan for barrier removal that is tailored to your site and your financial circumstances.



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