

## Basic Information on ADA Types of Accessible Means of Entry into the Water Lifts, Ramp & Stairs

ADA Department of Justice Technical Help Line 800-514-0301

<http://www.access-board.gov/recreation/guides/pools.htm>

**Pool Lifts:** Must be located where the water level is not deeper than 48 inches.

**Lift seats:** Must be a minimum of 16 inches wide a minimum of 16 inches from the edge of the pool.

**Clear deck space:** Must be a minimum of 36 inches wide and extend forward a minimum of 48 inches from a line located 12 inches behind the rear edge of the seat.

**Seat Height:** Lift must be designed so that the seat will make a stop between a minimum of 16 inches and maximum of 19 inches

**Footrests and armrests:** Must be part of the life to provide stability for the person using it

**Operation of Lifts:** Must be designed and placed so that people can use without assistance

**Submerged Depth:** Must be a minimum of 18 inches below the stationary water level.

**Lifting Capacity:** Must be able to handle a weight of no less than 300 pounds

**Lift or ramp:** Must be primary means of entry into pools. Baby pools require ramps.



Rotational Lift



Scissors Lift



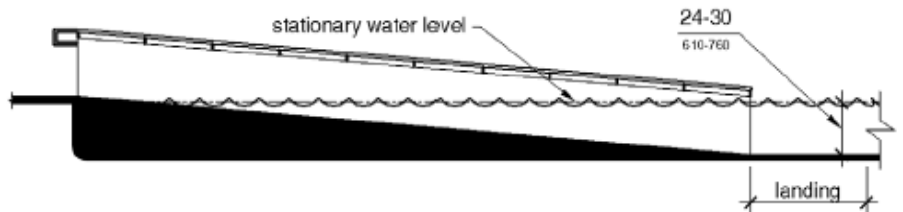
Portable Lift



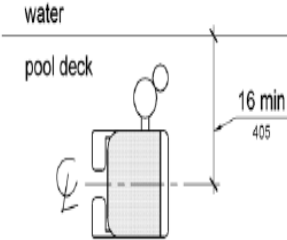
Easy Steps  
**Only as a second means of entry**

### Sloped Entry

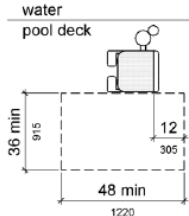
Pool ramps and Zero Depth Ramps need to have a 12 /1 ratio: each foot of length requires 1" of drop  
Zero depth add hand railings which must end in 24-30 inches of water.



Distance from pool wall:



Clear Deck Space



Seat Height

