

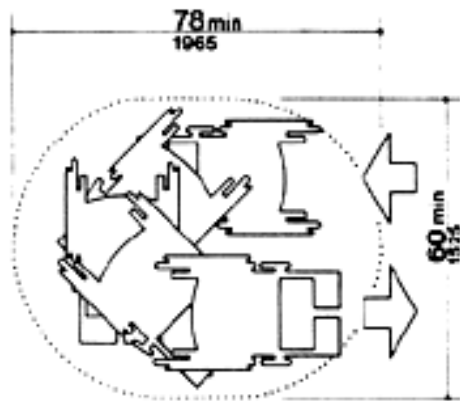


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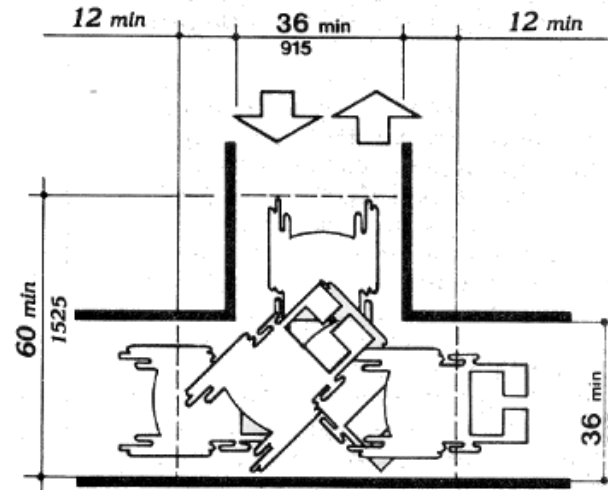
### **Polling Site Interiors Reference and Reminders**

- Maintain 36” path of travel throughout polling site making sure there is room for maneuverability.
- Protruding objects in path of travel: If it protrudes more than 4” into the path of travel the object must be detectable by cane. Mounted higher than 27” and less than 80” would be hazardous without a detectable warning.
- Floors: If runners and mats are being used in entryways make sure they are secured with double-sided tape. When possible, ensure exposed floors stay as dry as possible in wet weather. Floor surfaces must be stable, firm, and slip resistant.
- Keep 5’ x 5’ clear floor space in front of machines for turning

or T-shape for more constrained spaces.



**Fig. A2**  
**Space Needed for Smooth U-Turn in a Wheelchair**



For Check-in Tables and Table Mounted Machines:

- Ensure 30”w x 48”l clear floor space in front of table (approximate dimensions of a wheelchair)
- 30”w x 19”d x 27”h for table height (accessible for wheel chair, bottom of table no lower than 27”)
- Range of table height between 28” and 34”

Other things to keep in mind:

- Traffic Flow: with more machines you might have to arrange things differently and redirect the flow of traffic. Employing stanchions and rope (even make shift type) can help with crowd control.
- Chair for accessible machine: if available choose a sturdy, backed chair with seat height between 17” and 19” (this is a bit higher than regular chairs making it easier to stand up from especially for those with less flexibility in their hips and knees). If possible avoid folding chairs and chairs with wheels. Also, in the future when you may be using more tabletop privacy cubicles, providing solid seating is a courtesy especially for senior voters.
- If using cubicle type privacy screen position it so the voter’s back is toward the wall.
- Also be sure the BMD screen does not face a window, if no other options cover the window to reduce glare.
- Overhead lighting is better for reduced glare.

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