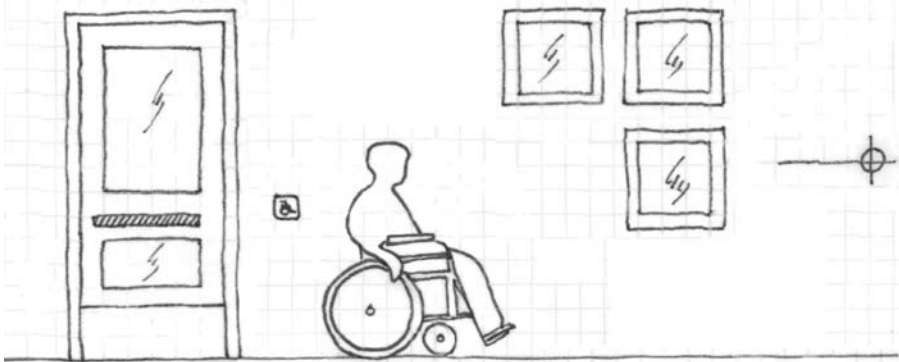


Accessible Laboratory

Beyond ADA - Guidelines for Universal Access

Doors, Windows, and Entry

- Auto Opening Systems
- Low View Glazing For Wheel Chair Visibility



When designing door and wall glazing, wheelchair occupants are often overlooked. Laboratory spaces are often hazardous places, and although occupancy and fire ratings do not allow for extensive glazing, attention should be paid to wheelchair bound occupants. Glazing, where possible, should include a view at 40"-46". Disabled occupants in a wheelchair cannot see out of a window with a sill at 48".



Push-plate door opening devices have gained popularity in recent years. We have received feedback from lab scientists grateful for the inclusion of these opening devices for moving heavy equipment and fragile experiments, or to avoid touching surfaces. Therefore, we recommend the addition of door openers at tissue rooms or off of gowning rooms to serve science and access.

