

521 CMR 17.00: RESTAURANTS

17.1 GENERAL

Restaurants shall comply with 521 CMR, except as specified or modified in **521 CMR 17.00**. Restaurants shall include, but not be limited to, cafeterias, lounges, bars, and other places open to the public where food or beverages are served.

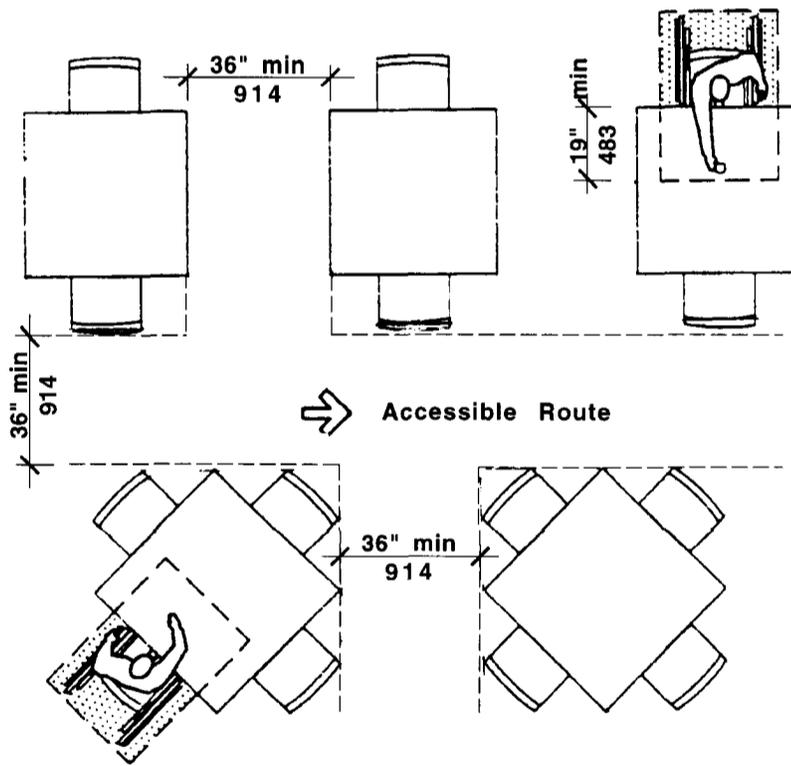
17.2 SEATING

At least 5% but not less than one, of the tables shall be *accessible*, be on an *accessible route*, and in compliance with the following:

17.2.1 *Distribution:* Accessible tables shall be distributed by size and location throughout the *space* or *facility*. In establishments where separate areas are designated for smoking and non-smoking patrons, the required number of *accessible* tables shall be proportionally distributed between the smoking and non-smoking areas.

17.2.2 A 36 inch (36" = 914mm) *access aisle* shall be provided between all *accessible* tables. No seating shall overlap the *access aisle*. See Fig. 17a.

17.2.3 *Clear floor space* as defined in **521 CMR 5.00: DEFINITIONS** shall be provided at each seating space. Such *clear floor space* shall not overlap knee space by more than 19 inches (19" = 483mm). See Fig. 17a.



Clearances for Seatings and Tables
Figure 17a

17.2.4 *Knee Clearances:* If seating for people in wheelchairs is provided at tables or counters, knee spaces at least 27 inches (27" = 686mm) high, 30 inches (30" = 762mm) wide, and 19 inches (19" = 483mm) deep shall be provided. See Fig. 17b.

17.2.5 *Height of Tables or Counters:* The tops of *accessible* tables and counters shall be from 28 inches to 34 inches (28" to 34" = 711mm to 864mm) above the finish floor or ground. See Fig 17b.

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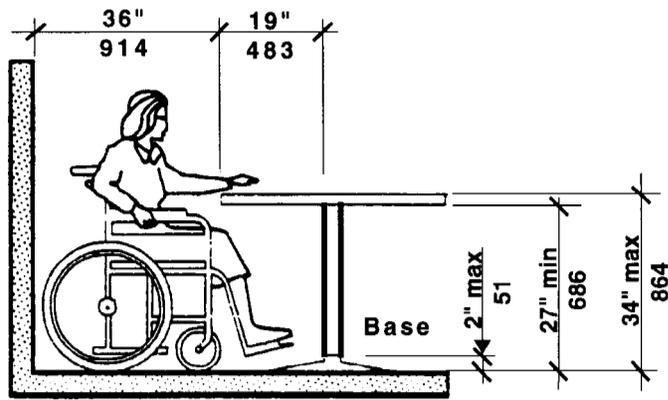


Table Heights and Clearances
Figure 17b

17.3 DINING COUNTERS WITHOUT SERVICE

At counters where food is consumed but there is no service, a 60 inch (60" = 1524mm) portion of the dining counter shall be *accessible*, on an *accessible route*, and in compliance with **521 CMR 17.2.5**

17.4 COUNTERS AND BARS WITH SERVICE

At counters exceeding 34 inches (34" = 864mm) in height, where food or drink is served for consumption by customers seated on stools or standing at the counter, a portion of the main counter shall be *accessible* or service shall be available at *accessible tables* within the same area. The *accessible* portion shall be a minimum of 60 inches (60" = 1524mm) in length and comply with **521 CMR 17.2.4 and 17.2.5**.

17.5 DINING AREAS

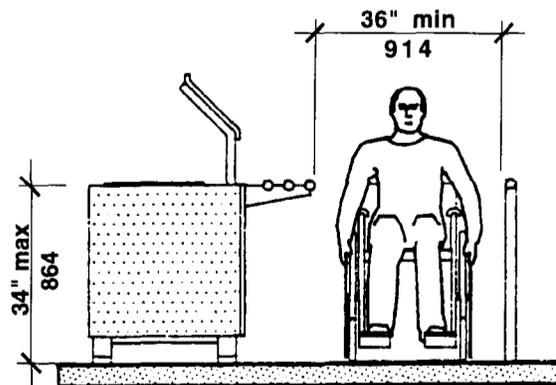
All dining areas, including raised or sunken dining areas, *mezzanines*, loggias, and outdoor seating areas, shall be *accessible*.

17.6 FOOD SERVICE LINES

Food service lines, including but not limited to: cafeterias, buffet tables and salad bars, shall comply with the following:

17.6.1 *Clear Width*: Food selection aisles, including *entrance* and exit, shall have a minimum *clear* width of 36 inches (36" = 914mm), with a preferred *clear* width of 42 inches (42" = 1067mm) to allow passage by other customers around a person using a wheelchair. **See Fig. 17c.**

17.6.2 Tray slides shall be mounted no higher than 34 inches (34" = 864mm) above the floor. **See Fig. 17c.**



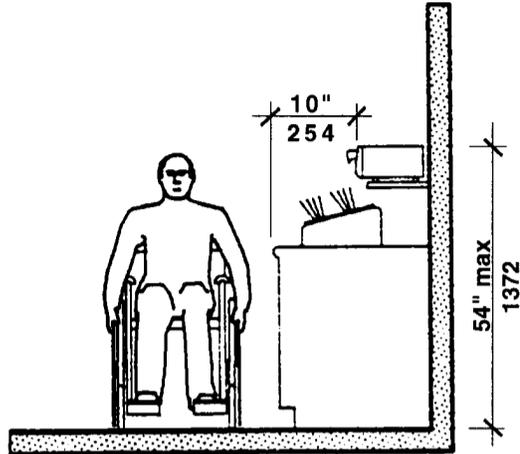
Food Service Line
Figure 17c

17.6.3 If self-service shelves are provided, at least 50% of each type must be within the *zone of reach* defined in **521 CMR 5.00: DEFINITIONS**.

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17.7 TABLEWARE AND CONDIMENT AREAS

Self-service shelves and dispensing devices for tableware, dishware, condiments, food and beverages shall be installed to comply with *zone of reach* as defined in **521 CMR 5.00: DEFINITIONS**. See **Fig. 17d**.



Food Service Line - Reach Range
Figure 17d

17.8 RAISED PLATFORMS

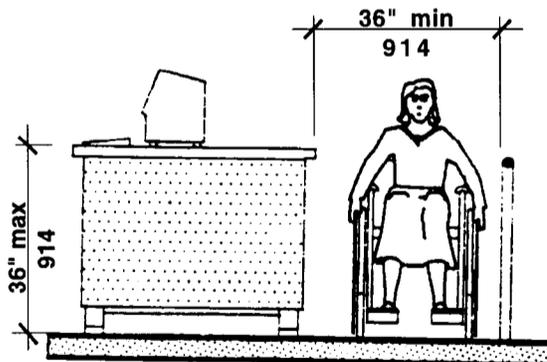
Where a head table or speaker's lectern is located on a raised platform, the platform shall be *accessible* in compliance with **521 CMR 24.00: RAMPS**, or **521 CMR 28.00: ELEVATORS**. Open edges of a raised platform shall be protected by a curb or by placement of tables.

17.9 VENDING MACHINES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

Spaces for vending machines and other equipment shall be located on an *accessible route* and shall comply with *zone of reach* as defined in **521 CMR 5.00: DEFINITIONS**.

17.10 CASH REGISTER

Where payment is made at a cash register, the counter shall be no higher than 36 inches (36" = 914mm) from the floor to the top of the counter. See **Fig. 17e**.



Check-Out Lane
Figure 17e

17.11 TELEVISIONS

Where televisions are provided in restaurants, the television shall be equipped with a closed caption decoder.