

## ADA Sign Rules and Regulations: Guide to Avoiding a \$75k Fine

### CHARACTERS

MUST BE UPPERCASE

1/32" Depth

Sans Serif. No italic, oblique, script, highly decorative, or anything else unusual

Minimum of 1/8" between the two closest points of character

Must be 3/8" from all borders

Located directly below Pictogram (If applicable)

Minimum character height 3/8" maximum 2"

Stroke thickness is 15% max of the height

2" MAXIMUM

HELLO

Width must be between 55% and 110% of the height

### GENERAL REQUIREMENT

1 sign with both visual and tactile  
OR  
2 signs, one with visual, one with tactile

Contrast with Background  
Non-glare finish

Table 703.3.1 Braille Dimensions

Measurement Range	Minimum in Inches Maximum in Inches
Dot base diameter	0.059 (1.5 mm) to 0.063 (1.6 mm)
Distance between two dots in the same cell <sup>1</sup>	0.090 (2.3 mm) to 0.100 (2.5 mm)
Distance between corresponding dots in adjacent cells <sup>1</sup>	0.241 (6.1 mm) to 0.300 (7.6 mm)
Dot height	0.025 (0.6 mm) to 0.037 (0.9 mm)
Distance between corresponding dots from one cell directly below <sup>1</sup>	0.395 (10 mm) to 0.400 (10.2 mm)

### BRAILLE

Must be Grade 2 and Domed shaped

Positioned below the corresponding text. If multi-lined, place below entire text

Must be 3/8" away from all other raised elements.

### Pictogram

Field height of 6"

Characters and braille cannot be in the same field

Must have text descriptions located directly below the pictogram



0.405" minimum distance from braille and any other raised elements

### Installation

Baseline of lowest characters must be 48" minimum and 60" maximum from the floor or ground

Locate along side latch side of door

Clear floor space of 18" x 18" minimum clear space centered on tactile characters, (Should not intersect the arch of the door swing)

