Doc Access

July 1 Isn't Just a Deadline
It's a Call to Action

DOCUMENT ACCESSIBILITY FOR COLORADO

In Colorado, House Bill 21-1110 mandates that all state and local government agencies, including special districts, must make their digital content accessible by July 1, 2025. This includes websites, PDFs, forms, and public materials. Noncompliance is a civil rights violation under state law, making accessibility a legal requirement rather than an optional improvement.

What is document accessibility?

Accessible documents work for everyone, including individuals who rely on:

- Screen readers
- Keyboard navigation
- Text-to-speech tools
- Voice recognition software

Think: budgets, applications, fire safety notices, park schedules, and water quality reports—they all need to be readable, usable, and inclusive.

Key Risk Areas

Risks specifically for CO agencies

- Non-tagged or scanned PDFs uploaded after July 1, 2024
- Board materials or meeting packets that can't be read with assistive technology
- Service documents for water, emergency, or recreation without accessible formats
- No published accessibility plan or policy
- Lack of training or tools for staff

What you Should Do Now

Accessibility is crucial not just for compliance but also for federal funding eligibility.

Key actions include:

- Audit and remediate existing documents
- · Create a digital accessibility plan
- Train internal teams and adopt accessible templates
- Use tools like DocAccess to simplify compliance
- Appoint an accessibility coordinator or vendor partner

That is where DocAccess steps in...

DocAccess simplifies PDF accessibility by automating the process, eliminating unnecessary complexity:

- Converts PDFs into fully accessible formats that are friendly for screen readers
- · Adds search, translation, and document navigation features
- Works with one simple code install no tech background needed

