



DOCUMENT ACCESSIBILITY FOR FLORIDA



Florida's House Bill 973 and OPPAGA reporting requirements are pressuring local agencies to adhere to ADA and Section 508 standards. Non-compliance risks investigations, reputational damage, and public mistrust, particularly regarding elections, emergency services, and community updates.

What is document accessibility?

Digital content should be accessible to all Floridians—especially veterans, seniors, and people with disabilities. That includes:

- Screen-reader compatible PDFs and forms
- Alt text for all images and infographics
- Fillable, keyboard-navigable applications
- Clear and consistent content structure

Key Risk Areas

Risks for Florida to monitor include:

- Election notices and voting information in inaccessible formats
- Emergency updates (e.g., hurricane shelters, boil water alerts) not ADA-compliant
- Building permits and zoning forms as scanned or static documents
- OPPAGA scrutiny stemming from public complaints

What you Should Do Now

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

Key actions include:

- Review OPPAGA guidance and accessibility benchmarks
- Audit public-facing documents and web pages
- Remediate or replace inaccessible PDFs
- Educate your staff on basic document accessibility best practices

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

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