

Even though Homeowners Associations (HOAs) are not federally required to adhere to WCAG standards, the pressure is mounting as residents demand equal access to digital documents and forms, community advocacy and related litigation are increasing in California and Colorado, and lawsuits under the Fair Housing Act and ADA are extending into the digital realm.

## What is document accessibility?

In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the ADA, all patient materials—including PDFs and websites—must be fully accessible to individuals with disabilities, ensuring compatibility with assistive technologies like screen readers.

## Key Risk Areas

- ! Inaccessible PDFs for meeting packets, forms, or policies
- ! No way for screen reader users to access important documents
- ! Boards unaware of accessibility gaps due to self-management or third-party firms

## What you Should Do Now

- Identify who manages your site and uploads documents
- Convert PDFs into screenreader friendly, searchable formats
- Add translation, navigation, and transcript options

## 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

