

Sidewalks, Walkways and Ramps

Definition: paths that provide a defined and safe path of exterior travel for pedestrians.

Name sidewalk, walkway, ramp, footway, path
Variants:

Most wood, concrete, gravel, pavers, metal, asphalt,
Common
Materials:

Most approach, landing, flared sides
Common
Components:

Location and Inspection of Sidewalks, Walkways and Ramps

Abilities or Knowledge Needed:	- Visual acuity for location & inspection - Mobility for access to all areas of the property - Understanding of item's components
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Tools for Location & Inspection	Useful:	none
	Required:	length measuring device,

Common Locations:	Outside:	Ingress/egress locations to buildings, pools, parking lots, or any area that is considered a normal course of travel for pedestrians
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How to Locate:	Visual Observation:	Look for paved and unpaved paths of travel on the outside of the property.
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Possible Deficiencies:	Deficiency 1:	Sidewalk, walkway, or ramp is damaged
	Deficiency 2:	Sidewalk, walkway, or ramp is blocked or impassable

Deficiency 1: Sidewalk, walkway, or ramp are damaged

Rationale:	Maintenance:	Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.
	Health and Safety:	Creates a tripping hazard which would injure the resident traveling on the walking surface.
	Operability:	Prevents proper use of sidewalk, walkway, or ramp.
Health and Safety:	Standard:	This is a standard health and safety issued requiring a correction, remedy, or act of abatement within 30 days.
How to Inspect:	Visual Observation:	Look at all sidewalks, walkways, and ramps for any vertical deviations or horizontal separations such as, heaving, cracking, missing pieces, and rotted surfaces.
	Action:	Measure any vertical deviations or horizontal separations.
Record deficiency if:	damaged sidewalk, walkway, or ramp creates a vertical deviation on the walking surface of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch or more, OR, if there is a horizontal separation on the walking surface of 2 inches or more perpendicular to the path of travel.	

Deficiency 2: Sidewalk, walkway, or ramp are blocked or impassable

Rationale:	Maintenance:	Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.
	Health and Safety:	Decreases accessibility to the site, especially for people with physical disabilities
	Operability:	Prevents proper use of sidewalk, walkway, or ramp.

Health and Safety: **Standard:** **This is a standard health and safety issued requiring a correction, remedy, or act of abatement within 30 days.**

How to Inspect:	Visual Observation:	Look at all sidewalks, walkways, and ramps and identify if there is any obstruction or blockage making it impassable or allowing for less than 36 inches of clear travel
	Action:	Measure the area of travel to determine if it allows for 36 inches of accessibility.

Record deficiency if: Sidewalk, walkway, or ramp does not provide at least 36 inches of clear travel.