

ADA WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY + COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES

Key Compliance Deadline

By August 9, 2026 — Healthcare facilities must ensure that at least 10% of applicable medical diagnostic equipment, but no fewer than one unit, meets the MDE accessibility standards. Mobility rehabilitation facilities must meet a 20% requirement.

Example: If a facility operates 10 weight scales, at least one scale must meet the MDE standards. These requirements are enforced under [Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#), and failure to comply may result in enforcement actions or legal exposure.



Availability of Compliant Wheelchair Scales

The **DETECTO 7150-AC** ADA-Compliant Wheelchair Scale is engineered to meet the new requirements, featuring an extended platform, shallow-angle ramps, and integrated edge protection to support safe, accessible weighing while maintaining clinical accuracy and durability.

Facilities evaluating accessibility upgrades can rely on the 7150-AC as a compliant option aligned with current MDE guidelines and upcoming ADA enforcement timelines.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADA-COMPLIANT WHEELCHAIR SCALES

Referenced sections from [Access Board MDE](#) Chapter 3

- 1 Running Slope (M303.3.3.1)**
Ramp slope must not exceed 1:12
Exception: 1:8 slope permitted for ramps with a maximum height of 2-1/2" (64 mm)
- 2 Ramp Edge Protection (M303.3.3.4)**
Ramps with drop-offs of 1/2" (13 mm) or greater must include 2" (50 mm) minimum edge protection
- 3 Width (M303.2.2)**
Wheelchair spaces must be 36" (915 mm) minimum width
Exception: Raised platforms may be 32" (815 mm) minimum up to a height of 4" (100 mm)
- 4 Platform Edge Protection (M303.2.6)**
Platforms raised more than 1-1/2" (38 mm) must include 2" (51 mm) minimum edge protection for non-entry sides
- 5 Pass-Through Entry Floor Space (M303.2.3.2)**
Where wheelchair space permits entry and exit from opposite sides, there must be a minimum of 40" (1,015 mm) of floor space to accommodate safe pass-through access

