

## Certified Access Specialist

### Choosing A CASp Inspector

#### When you interview your CASp Inspector:

Your expert needs to be familiar with the ADA Accessibility Guidelines (1994 ADAAG), the 2010 ADA Standards (effective March 2011 and 2012), and the California Building Code

- Ask about their background with the ADA and Building Code. Don't rely just on a resume!
- A good CASp inspector will have experience in construction, design, and inspection
- Ask how many CASp inspections they have done
- Ask for references, and then follow up by calling the reference or visiting the business
- Ask if they work with an attorney, and if so ask about them as well
- Ask if they work with a contractor, and if the contractor charges for estimates
- Ask to see a sample CASp report

#### The CASp Report:

- Your CASp should pull a full building permit history and include a summary of the remodeling work in the report in order to place the context or previous triggers for access under Californian Building Code
- The CASp report should describe both the building and its characteristics such as on-site parking, and the occupancy type such as M-retail or A-dining banquet and bar
- The CASp report should identify all of the barriers, following the format of the priority table in the ADA where the 1<sup>st</sup> priority is the entrance, the 2<sup>nd</sup> priority is the path of travel, 3<sup>rd</sup> priority is the restrooms, drinking fountains, etc.
- The report should have photos of the barriers
- Your CASp should be capable of identifying both problems and solutions
- And last of all, your CASp inspector should help you assemble a plan for barrier removal that is tailored to your site and your financial circumstances

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