ADA Accessibility Requirements Flowchart

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These websites will run a free accessibility scan and help you get your website back in compliance. We suggest you work with your website developer or content manager to make any necessary changes.

accessibe.com/accessscan | www.accessibilitychecker.org | wave.webaim.org | www.audioeye.com/website-accessibility-checker | www.skynettechnologies.com/accessibility-checker

Is the website publicly accessible?

- YES ↓
- NO → ADA likely not applicable (internal/private system)

Can users navigate the entire site using ONLY a keyboard?
(Tab, Shift+Tab, Enter, Space, Arrow keys)

- YES ↓
- NO → FAIL: Keyboard accessibility required

Is there a visible focus indicator when tabbing?
(outline or highlight showing where you are)

- YES ↓
- NO → FAIL: Focus visibility required

Do all images have appropriate alternative text?
(Decorative images ignored; meaningful images described)

- YES ↓
- NO → FAIL: Screen reader access issue

Are form fields properly labeled?
(Labels connected to inputs; errors clearly explained)

- YES ↓
- NO → FAIL: Form accessibility issue

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Is text readable and resizable?
- At least 4.5:1 color contrast
- Text resizes to 200% without breaking layout

- YES ↓
- NO → FAIL: Visual accessibility issue

Is all multimedia accessible?
- Videos have captions
- Audio has transcripts
- No auto-play without controls

- YES ↓
- NO → FAIL: Multimedia accessibility issue

Are headings and page structure logical?
- Proper heading order (H1, H2, H3)
- Landmarks (nav, main, footer) used

- YES ↓
- NO → Needs Improvement

Does the site avoid accessibility traps?
- No flashing (seizure risk)
- No time limits without extensions
- No hover-only interactions

- YES ↓
- NO → FAIL: Usability barrier

RUN AUTOMATED + MANUAL TESTING
- Automated scan (WAVE, Axe, Lighthouse)
- Screen reader test (NVDA, VoiceOver)

[REFER TO THE WEBSITES ABOVE TO RUN THESE TESTS]

Are there unresolved critical errors?

- NO → **GENERALLY ADA COMPLIANT**
- YES → **NOT ADA COMPLIANT**