



BUILDING OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION 2018-08
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CODE/EDITION: VIRGINIA UNIFORM STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE/2018

SECTION(S): IBC/2018, Section 1108.2.9.1 Dining Surfaces

QUESTION:

1. Is a bar that serves food or drink required to be accessible?

ANSWERS

1. The Code requires that 5 percent of the dining surfaces must be accessible. The Code also requires the accessible dining surfaces must be distributed throughout the facility. The Code does not require that accessible dining surfaces must be provided at each type of dining surface (e.g., tables, bars, booths, banquets).

If the bar is the only dining surface provided, or the bar is in a separate area within the facility, the bar is required to have an accessible dining surface.

If the bar is part of the general seating in a larger service/dining area, the accessible dining surface is not required to be provided at the bar. However, since the accessible dining surfaces are required to be distributed throughout the facility, an accessible dining surface is required in proximity to the bar.

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