

Accessibility with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Benches

The standard in benches for outdoor public environment is not specified in Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards. Section 903 of the document ADA and ABA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities 2004 is limited to only certain facilities and spaces (saunas, gyms and locker rooms etc.) Canaan do use Section 903 as a basic reference and meet the height requirement under Section R307.6.3.2 in “The Revised Draft Guidelines for Accessible Public Rights-of-Way” beneath the section titled “Text of the Draft Guidelines,” Chapter R3: Technical Provisions.

“Where benches without tables are provided at a single location, at least 50 percent, but no fewer than one, shall have a seat height at the front edge of 43 cm (17") minimum and 49cm (19") maximum above the ground or floor space.” - The Revised Draft Guidelines for Accessible Public Rights-of-Way

Note that the minimum clearance for a wheelchair to pull up beside benches is 30" (762mm) by 48" (1219.2mm). It is not practical to remove armrest, which is required in Section 903, for individuals to transfer out of their wheelchairs considering most do not utilize outdoor benches. Moreover, armrests are essential for other disabilities such as mobility and visual impairment. For benches with picnic tables, please find our ADA picnic table guideline for more information.

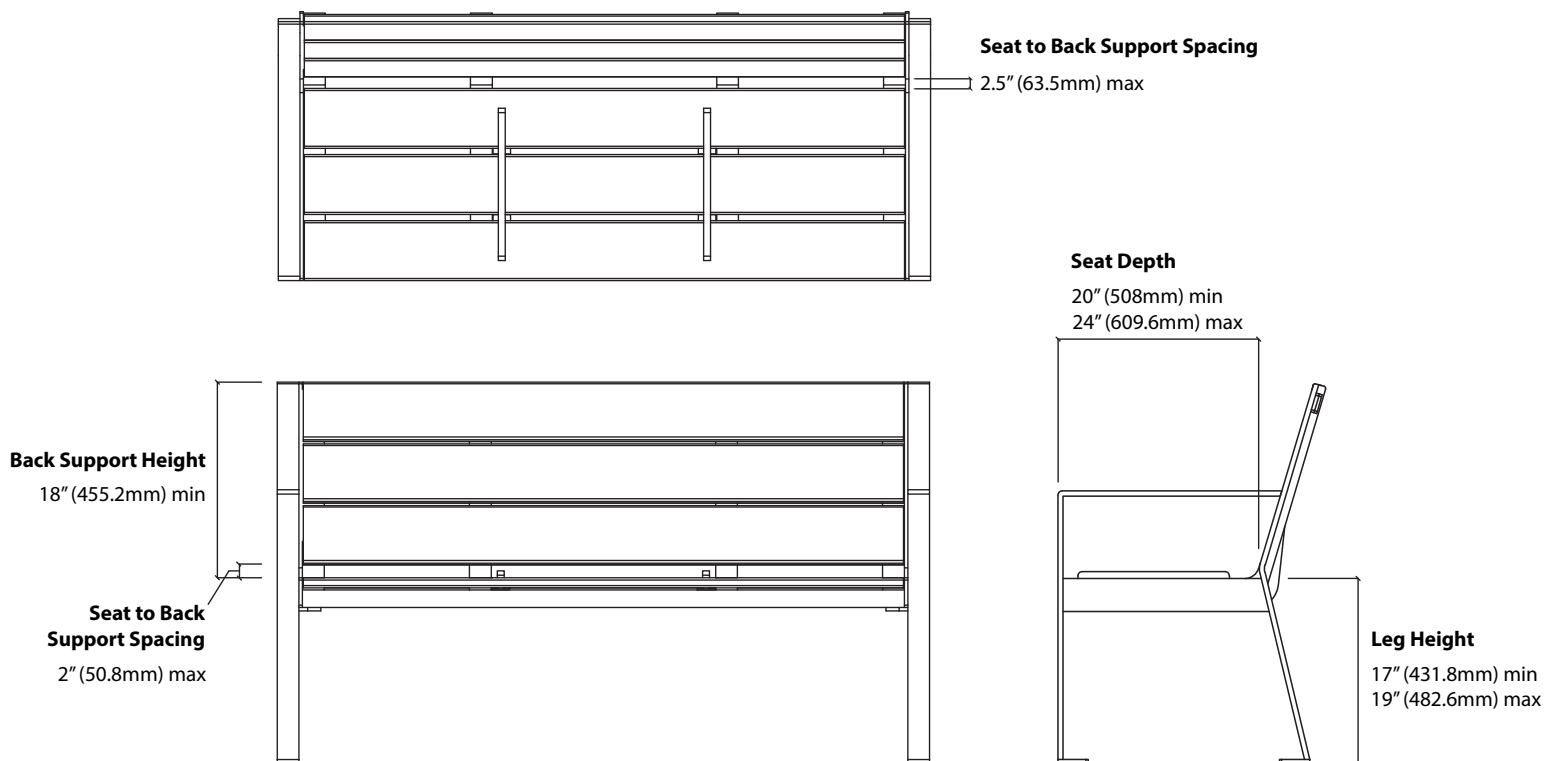


Diagram demonstrating compliance referring to Section 903