

Preparing Documents for ADA Remediation

Dos and Don'ts

Do...

1. **Do** save time and cost by creating a document/presentation with accessibility in mind.
2. **Do** create an enhanced experience for all members of the public.
3. **Do** write short, clear sentences and paragraphs.
4. **Do** use Styles in MS Word to create structure in a document. Modify Styles in the Styles tab to re-format text.
5. **Do** copy and paste text from another document into your presentation.
6. **Do** create alternative text to images and other non-text content. Add it as a caption under the photo.
7. **Do** use descriptive text for links.
8. **Do** provide sufficient contrast between foreground and background colors.
9. **Do** provide additional identification that does not rely on color perception.
10. **Do** create simple and understandable tables and lists.

Don't...

1. **Don't** make a document difficult to remediate.
2. **Don't** prevent members of the public from obtaining information.
3. **Don't** use unnecessarily complex words and phrases.
4. **Don't** use large, bold, italicized, highlighted, etc. text for headings and/or emphasis.
5. **Don't** take screenshots of presentations and insert them into another document as an image.
6. **Don't** send document to Karina Garcia without providing alternate text for images and other non-text content.
7. **Don't** use ambiguous link text, for example "Click here" or "Read more".
8. **Don't** use colors without using [Analyzer](#) to test color contrast
9. **Don't** use color alone to convey meaning.
10. **Don't** design tables with confusing or complex heading structures or lists without logical order.