

Florida State Laws

The American's With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)

KEY: Equal accessibility

Improves upon the Rehab. Act of 1973

Requires ALL buildings, programs, services and employment, both public and private, be equally accessible to persons with disabilities

Telecommunications Reform Act of 1996

KEY: Closed captioning

Disability access to telecommunications equipment, services and video programming any new videos produced after August, 1997 must be captioned, ALL new programs (local news, movies, children's programs, documentaries) will be required to come with captioning.

Florida State Law - Child Protection Laws

KEY: Interpreters are not protected by any confidentiality laws and must report any such incidences observed in an interpreting situation.

Abuse is defined as any situation that endangers the physical, mental or emotional well being of a child.

Florida State Statutes Pertinent to Interpreters

Chapter 413 Voc. Rehab. '83

Full and equal accommodations for the deaf in common carriers, conveyances, hotels, amusements, resorts or places where the public is invited.

Section 901/245 of the Arrests Code (F.S. 1987)

Police cannot use notes or information gathered during questioning of a deaf individual where an Interpreter is not present.

Chapter 286.26 of the Public Business Code. Misc. Provisions (F.S. '87)

For public meetings called by state, county or municipal agencies, if a disabled person requires any form of assistance to attend then accommodations must be made provided notice is given of the special need.