
Building Codes Division**Statewide Code Interpretation**

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2004 Oregon Structural Specialty Code**

Code Section:	OSSC 1108.4.4
Code Edition:	2004 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC)
Date:	Original date: 3/08/95 Updated: 3/07/06
Subject:	Access to swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas.
Question:	In Section 1108.4.4, what are: 1) Transfer devices 2) Transfer tiers 3) Standards for swimming pool ramps
Answer:	1) Transfer devices are transfer steps (transfer tier), transfer levels, ramps, lifts, and zero depth entry. 2) A “transfer tier” is the same as “transfer step” in the ATBCB interpretation 3) Specifications in the ATBCB amended as shown may be used as an acceptable alternate design under section 104.10 by the building official with jurisdiction.
Analysis:	<p>The United States Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (ATBCB) is an authoritative body that interprets disabled access provisions in ADA adopted by the US Department of Justice.</p> <p>Oregon’s disabled access provisions are roughly based on the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Requirements (ADAAG) with revisions required by Oregon statutes and as the result of committee actions and public hearing testimony.</p> <p>Interpretations by ATBCB may be accepted by the building official having jurisdiction.</p> <p>See ATCBC interpretation 23.4 Access Into Swimming Pools, Lazy Rivers, and Wading Pools for more information.</p>