



Accessibility Ramps

Recycled rubber products provide an elegant solution to federal accessibility regulations

Location: Liberty Station, Farragut Rd., San Diego, CA 92106



Vendor: SafePath Products

California tires diverted from landfills: 3,200 tires

Overview: San Diego's Naval Training Center welcomed its first recruits in 1923. By the middle of World War II, the site's population grew to 33,000 people. With San Diego hosting more than a sixth of the Navy's fleet, the Naval Training Center has played a key strategic role during the past century.

Recently part of the former Naval Training Center was redeveloped into Liberty Station, a pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use community of offices, shops, restaurants, hotels and educational institutions. The development honors the site's history while updating certain elements to make the site more accessible.

One key element is the addition of transition ramps between doorways, walkways and courtyards to give wheelchairs, walkers and strollers access. Under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), where there is a vertical rise greater than one-half inch, the barrier must be removed or an accommodation made for the barrier. These regulations apply to new construction as well as existing buildings.

Year installed: 2012