

ADA Accessibility Considerations if Building a Google Site:

Google Sites is a web-based tool designed to assist in the creation and deployment of websites. The Google Sites editor interface allows text, pictures, links, and other standard features to be added without knowledge of HTML (although the ability to directly enter HTML still exists). General information on using Google Sites with assistive technologies can be found on [Google's Use Google Sites with a screen reader page](#).

Content can be made out to be moderately accessible by following web accessibility standards (see Information for Content Creators section below); however, Google Sites web pages have issues adhering to these guidelines. Reference the list below when using common web page elements with Google Sites:

- **Text and Images:** No specific issues with Google Sites, as long as web standards are followed.
- **Headings:** The headings for the page and site name are not editable and set to heading 2. There is no heading 1 by default on the page, and the user interface only allows for headings 2-4 (although the user can enter headings 1-6 in the HTML editor). The site navigation block cannot have headings added to it.
- **Links and lists:** No specific issues with Google Sites, as long as web standards are followed.
- **Images:** Alt tags can be added when initially placing an image with the user interface, but only within the HTML editor once placed.
- **Tables:** With the user interface, tables can only be used for layout purposes and cannot be made accessible. In the HTML view you can add change td tags to th tags, as well as add captions, but there is no ability to add summary, scope, id or header attributes.
- **Embedded Google Apps:** Other Google Apps can be placed within Google Sites. Embedded applications have the same accessibility issues as they do as standalone applications.

As You Build Content:

When creating web pages with Google Sites users should research accessibility standards prior to and during the site creation process. The following list references a few of these tools:

- [Introduction to Web Accessibility](#)
- [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\)](#)
- [Wave Web Accessibility Checker](#)
- [WebAIM Color Contrast Checker](#)
- [University of Michigan: Making Accessible Websites with Google Sites](#)