

Middlesex County Area Transit ADA Complaint Policy

THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) is landmark federal legislation that opens up services and employment opportunities to the millions of Americans with disabilities. The ADA affects access to employment; state and local government programs and services; transportation, and access to places of public accommodation such as businesses, non-profit service providers; and telecommunications.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY AREA TRANSIT ADA COMMITMENT AND COMPLIANCE

Middlesex County Area Transit is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of its services on the basis on their disability as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Middlesex County Area Transit management, and all supervisors and employees share direct responsibility for carrying out Middlesex County Area Transit commitment to the ADA. Middlesex County Area Transit, Office of Aging & Disabled Services ensures accountability in this commitment and supports all parts of the organization in meeting their respective ADA obligations. Middlesex County Office of Aging & Disabled Services coordinates internally with all appropriate offices in the investigation of complaints of discrimination and takes a lead role in responding to requests for information about Middlesex County Area Transit civil rights obligations and operations.

ADA Complaints

If you wish to file an ADA complaint of discrimination with Middlesex County Area Transit, please contact Middlesex County ADA Coordinator via 732-745-3295 or Middlesex County Office of Aging & Disabled Services, 75 Bayard Street, 5th Floor, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 or Email: ADA@co.middlesex.nj.us

What Happens to my ADA Complaint of Discrimination to Middlesex County Area Transit?

All ADA complaints of discrimination received by Middlesex County Area Transit are routed to local area management for prompt investigation and resolution. All complaints received will be investigated, so long as the complaint is received within 180 days from the date of the alleged discrimination. Middlesex County Area Transit will provide appropriate assistance (online and otherwise) to complainants who are limited in their ability to communicate in English or require accommodation. Complainants will be requested to leave contact information for follow-up about their complaints.

Middlesex County Area Transit aims to complete investigations into all complaints received, within 90 days of receipt. In instances where additional information is needed to complete an investigation, the investigator will contact the complainant using the contact information provided. Failure of the complainant to provide contact

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information or any requested additional information may result in a delay in resolution, or the administrative closure of the complaint. Middlesex County Area Transit has a zero-tolerance policy on discrimination and will take appropriate corrective measures in all instances where a violation of Middlesex County Area Transit non-discrimination policy has been established.

Once a complaint investigation is complete, complainants will receive a notice of finding via their preferred/available mode of contact (phone, E-mail, U.S. post, etc.). If no contact information is provided, a note regarding the outcome of the investigation will be saved on file for a minimum of three years. Complainants can contact Middlesex County Area Transit Customer Service at any time to check on the status of their complaint.

Filing a Complaint Directly to the Federal Transit Administration:

A complainant may choose to file a Title VI complaint with the Federal Transit Administration by contacting the Administration at:

Federal Transit Administration

Office of Civil Rights

Attention: Complaint Team

East Building, 5th Floor – TCR

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE

Washington, DC 20590

Further questions about Middlesex County Area Transit ADA Obligations

For additional information on Middlesex County Area Transit non-discrimination obligations and other responsibilities related to ADA, please call 732-745-3295 or write to:

Debra Hehir, ADA Coordinator

Middlesex County Office of Aging & Disabled Services

75 Bayard Street, 5th Floor

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Email: ADA@co.middlesex.nj.us

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Americans with Disabilities Act Complaint Form

Middlesex County Area Transit is committed to ensuring that no person is denied access to its services, programs, or activities on the basis of their disabilities, as provided by title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"). ADA complaints must be filed within 180 days from the date of the alleged incident.

The following information is necessary to assist us in processing your complaint. If you require any assistance in completing this form, or if you would like to make a verbal complaint, please contact the "enter Contact information"

Complainant:

Phone:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip Code

Alt Phone:

Person Preparing Complaint (if different from Complainant):

Street Address, City, State, Zip Code

Date of Incident: _____

Please describe the alleged discriminatory incident, including the location(s), if applicable. Provide the names and titles of Middlesex County Area Transit employees involved, if available.

Description of incident continued:

Have you filed a complaint with any other federal, state, or local agencies? Yes/No (Circle One).

If so, list agency/agencies and contact information below:

Agency Contact Name:

Street Address, City, State, Zip Code Phone:

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Agency Contact Name:

I affirm that I have read the above charge and that it is true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Complainant's Signature

Date

Print or Type Name of Complainant

Date Received: _____

Received By: _____