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LEGAL NEWS & other
Disability-Related info

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Another reminder and opportunity to register to vote. In **Wyoming**, a person also may register to vote when he or she goes to a polling place to vote on election day. The Wyoming Secretary of State has a publication for contact information of all county clerks at <http://sos.wy.state.wy.us/Elections/Docs/WYCountyClerks.pdf>.

Voters can vote an absentee ballot in person in the office of the county clerk or by mail 40 days before an election. Absentee ballots **must be received by the county clerk no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day**. Absentee ballots can be returned in person or by mail. To request an absentee ballot, contact your local Wyoming County Clerk.

SEPTEMBER IS
**SUICIDE
PREVENTION
AWARENESS
MONTH**

One conversation can change a life.

It is well-known that Wyoming is at or toward the top among all states in number of suicides. According to a report recently released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), suicide rates rose in all but one state between 1999 and 2016, with increases seen across age, gender, race and ethnicity. Wyoming was noted to have been among those states with an increase of 38 to 58%. In more than half of all deaths in 27 states, the people had no known mental health condition when they ended their lives. For a fact sheet from the CDC, go to:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/pdf/vs-0618-suicide-H.pdf>

If you need help for yourself or someone else, please contact the

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Talk: **1-800-273-TALK (8255)**

Chat: www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org



Accessibility **NEWS**

Just when you thought . . .

Access Board: New Animation on Sales and Service Counters

The U.S. Access Board added a new animation to its collection, providing an overview of accessibility requirements related to sales and service counters, check-out aisles, and food service lines. Find the animation in the Board's Guide to the ADA Standards or on their YouTube channel.

Go to: <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/guide-to-the-ada-standards>

Settlement Agreement: DOJ and Philadelphia Police Department

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) entered this settlement agreement, which aims to improve communications between the PPD and individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Source: https://www.ada.gov/ppd_sa.html

Mueller Industries Settles EEOC Class Disability Discrimination Lawsuit for \$1 Million

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) announced the settlement of a disability discrimination lawsuit against global metal goods manufacturer Mueller Industries, Inc., which operates several locations across the country. The EEOC alleged the company maintained inflexible leave and attendance policies and failed to consider reasonable accommodations for workers with disabilities. The company, in addition to providing \$1 million in monetary relief, will implement a number of changes in policies and procedures. Source: <https://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/newsroom/release/7-17-18a.cfm>

Greyhound Website and Mobile App to Become More Accessible to Blind

The National Federation of the Blind (NFB) reached a comprehensive agreement with Greyhound that will result in improved access to the company's website and mobile apps for individuals who are blind and use screen reading software. Additionally, Greyhound will take steps to ensure that customers who have difficulties using the current technologies will not be charged extra fees for using alternatives (e.g., booking by telephone). Source: <https://nfb.org/greyhound-website-and-mobile-app-become-more-accessible-blind-users>



Apps for Enhancing Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) Access

This document provides descriptions of some apps that can be used to enhance wireless emergency alert (WEA) access. It explains different apps, their features, and where you can locate them to better understand WEA messages and respond appropriately. For a copy of publication, go to:

<http://wirelessrerc.org/apps-enhancing-wireless-emergency-alerts-wea-access>

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