

- 5.55 **OCCUPIABLE:** A room or enclosed space designed for human occupancy in which individuals congregate for amusement, education or similar purposes, or in which occupants are engaged in labor, and which is equipped with *means of egress*, light, and ventilation.
- 5.56 **OPERABLE PART:** A part of a piece of equipment or appliance used to insert or withdraw objects, or to activate, deactivate, or adjust the equipment or appliance (for example, coin slot, pushbutton, handle).
- 5.57 **ORDINARY REPAIRS:** Any maintenance which does not affect structure, egress, fire protection systems, fire ratings, energy conservation provisions, plumbing, sanitary, gas, electrical or other utilities.
- 5.58 **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:** Individuals who experience substantial limitations in one or more major life activities, including but not limited to such functions as performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working. *Persons with disabilities* shall include but not be limited to those who have the inability to walk, difficulty walking, hearing disabilities, lack of coordination, reaching and manipulation disabilities stamina, difficulty interpreting and reacting to sensory information and extremes in physical size.
- 5.59 **POWER-ASSISTED DOOR:** A door with a mechanism that helps to open the door or that reduces the opening resistance of a door, upon the activation of a switch or a continued force applied to the door itself.
- 5.60 **PRIMARY FUNCTION AREA:** A major activity for which the *facility* is intended. Areas that contain a primary function include, but are not limited to: the customer services lobby of a bank, the dining area of a cafeteria, the meeting rooms in a conference center, as well as offices and all other work areas in which the activities of the public are carried out.
- 5.61 **PROJECT:** See 521 CMR 5.27 Complex
- 5.62 **PUBLIC BUILDING:**
- a. A *building* privately or publicly financed that is open to and used by the public, including but not limited to transportation terminals, institutional buildings, educational buildings, commercial buildings, buildings having places of assembly, hotels, motels, dormitories, *multiple dwellings* consisting of three or more units, 5% of the units in lodging or residential facilities for rent, hire or lease containing 20 or more units, public use and common use areas of apartment buildings and condominiums, parking lots of 15 or more automobiles, public sidewalks and ways, funeral homes, and public rest rooms, and public areas of shopping centers and restaurants.
  - b. A *building* constructed by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof with public funds and open to public use, including but not limited to those constructed by public housing authorities, the Massachusetts Port Authority, the Massachusetts Parking Authority, the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, and building authorities of any public educational institution or their successors.
- 5.63 **PUBLIC USE:** Describes interior or exterior rooms or spaces that are made available to the general public. Public use may be provided at a *building* or *facility* that is privately or publicly owned.
- 5.64 **RAMP:** A walking surface that has a running slope greater than 1:20 but no greater than or equal to 1:12.
- 5.65 **RAPID RAIL:** A subway type transit vehicle railway operated on exclusive private rights of way with high level platforms. Rapid rail may be operated on elevated or at grade level track separated from other traffic.
- 5.66 **REASONABLE MODIFICATION:** Physical changes to *multiple dwellings* requested by *persons with disabilities* or their agents to enable full use and enjoyment thereof, as described in M.G.L., c. 151B, § 4(a), or St. 1989, c. 722.