

## **ADA Complaint Procedures**

If you have a complaint about the accessibility of our transit system or service, or believe you have been discriminated against because of your disability, you can file a complaint. Please provide all facts and circumstances surrounding your issue or complaint so we can fully investigate the incident.

### **How do you file a complaint?**

You can call us, download and use our ADA complaint form at [www.cherokeega.com/transportation](http://www.cherokeega.com/transportation) or request a copy of the form by writing or phoning Cherokee County Area Transportation System, 884 Univeter Rd., Canton, GA 30115, and (770) 345-6238.

You may file a signed, dated and written complaint no more than 180 days from the date of the alleged incident. The complaint should include:

- Your name, address and telephone number. (See Question 1 of the complaint form.)
- How, why, and when you believe you were discriminated against. Include as much specific, detailed information as possible about the alleged acts of discrimination, and any other relevant information. (See Questions 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 of the complaint form.)
- The names of any persons, if known, whom the director could contact for clarity of your allegations. (See Question 11 of the complaint form.)

Please submit your complaint form to address listed below:

Greg Powell, Operations Director  
Cherokee County Area Transportation System  
884 Univeter Rd  
Canton, GA 30115

### **Do you need complaint assistance?**

If you are unable to complete a written complaint due to a disability or if information is needed in another language we can assist you. Please contact us at (770) 345-6238 or [mgpowell@cherokeega.com](mailto:mgpowell@cherokeega.com).

### **How will your complaint be handled?**

Cherokee County Area Transportation System/CATS investigates complaints received no more than 180 days after the alleged incident. Cherokee County Area Transportation System/CATS will process complaints that are complete. Once a completed complaint is received, Cherokee County Area Transportation System/CATS will review it to determine if Cherokee County Area Transportation System/CATS has jurisdiction.

Cherokee County Area Transportation System/CATS will generally complete an investigation within 90 days from receipt of a complaint. If more information is needed to resolve the case, Cherokee County Area Transportation System/CATS may contact you. Unless a longer period is specified by Cherokee County

Transportation, you will have ten (10) days from the date of the request to send the requested information. If the requested information is not received, Cherokee County Area Transportation System/CATS may administratively close the case. A case may also be administratively closed if you no longer wish to pursue it.

After an investigation is complete, Cherokee County Area Transportation System/CATS will send you a letter summarizing the results of the investigation, stating the findings and advising of any corrective action to be taken as a result of the investigation. If you disagree with the Cherokee County Area Transportation System/CATS determination, you may request reconsideration by submitting a request in writing to the Cherokee County Area Transportation System/CATS Operations director within seven (7) days after the date of the Cherokee County Area Transportation System/CATS letter, stating with specificity the basis for the reconsideration. The director will notify you of the decision either to accept or reject the request for reconsideration within ten (10) days. In cases where reconsideration is granted, the director will issue a determination letter to the complainant upon completion of the reconsideration review.

### **Do I have other options for filing a complaint?**

We encourage that you file the complaint with us. However, you may file a complaint with the Georgia Department of Transportation or the Federal Transit Administration.

Georgia Department of Transportation  
600 West Peachtree NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308

Federal Transit Administration  
Office of Civil Rights  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

## ADA COMPLAINT FORM

If you have a complaint about the accessibility of our transit system or believe you have been discriminated against because of your disability, you can use this form to file a complaint. Please provide all facts and circumstances surrounding your issue or complaint so we can fully investigate the incident.

Please mail or return this form to:

Greg Powell, Operations Director, CATS  
884 Univeter Rd.  
Canton, GA 30115

Email: [mgpowell@cheorkeega.com](mailto:mgpowell@cheorkeega.com) Fax: (770) 345-6239

<b>1. Complainant's name:</b>		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Daytime telephone: (     )		
E-mail address:		
Do you prefer to be contacted via e-mail? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>2. Are you filing this complaint on your own behalf?</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, please go to question 6. <input type="checkbox"/> No If NO, please go to question 3.		
<b>3. Please provide your name and address.</b>		
Name of person filing complaint:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Daytime telephone: (     )		
E-mail address:		
Do you prefer to be contacted via e-mail? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>4. What is your relationship to the person for whom you are filing the complaint?</b>		
<b>5. Please confirm that you have obtained the permission of the aggrieved party to file a complaint on their behalf.</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I have permission. <input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not have permission		
<b>6. I believe that the discrimination I experienced was based on</b> (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility issue <input type="checkbox"/> Discrimination based on disability <input type="checkbox"/> Other		

<p><b>7. Date of alleged discrimination</b> (Month, Day, Year):</p>
<p><b>8. Where did the alleged discrimination take place?</b></p>
<p><b>9. Explain as clearly as possible what happened and why you believe that you were discriminated against.</b> Describe all of the persons that were involved. Include the name and contact information of the person(s) who discriminated against you (if known). <i>Use the back of this form or separate pages if additional space is required.</i></p>
<p><b>10. Please list any and all witnesses' names and phone numbers/contact information.</b> <i>Use the back of this form or separate pages if additional space is required.</i></p>
<p><b>11. What type of corrective action would you like to see taken?</b></p>
<p><b>12. Have you filed a complaint with any other federal, state, or local agency, or with any federal or state court?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agency (List agency's name)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Federal Court (Please provide location)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> State Court</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> State Agency (Specify agency)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> County Court (Specify court and county)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local Agency (Specify agency)</p>

**13. Please provide information about a contact person at the agency/court where the complaint was filed.**

Name:	Title:	
Agency:	Telephone: (    )	
Address		
City:	State:	Zip Code:

You may attach any written materials or other information that you think is relevant to your complaint.

Signature and date is required:

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Signature

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Date

If you completed Questions 3, 4 and 5, your signature and date is required

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Signature

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Date