

Accessibility Checklist for Microsoft PowerPoint Presentations

Presentation Theme and Slide Layout

- Presentation uses one of PowerPoint's built-in themes (templates).
- Slides are formatted using PowerPoint's built-in Slide Layouts.
- Slides contain unique titles and use the layout placeholders for other content.
- Items on the slides are presented in a logical reading order.
- Slide design is simple and slides are in a layout that is consistent throughout the presentation.
- Slide Transitions and Animations are simple.

Font Formatting

- Simple, sans-serif font is used and is at least 24 pts. for bullets. Titles at least 40 pts.
- Document contains no flashing or blinking text.

Color

- Color is not used as the only means of conveying information or showing emphasis.
- Foreground and background have strong color contrast.
- Hard to read color combinations are not used.

Charts and Graphs

- Patterns are used in addition to high contrast color to distinguish between data types.
- Charts and Graphs include titles, legends and axis labels.
- Charts and Graphs contain alternative text.

Tables

- Column header row is specified in tables.
- Simple table structure is used and table does not contain nested tables (tables within tables) or merged cells.
- Table does not contain blank rows, columns or cells.
- Table contains alternative text.

Images & Objects

- Alternative text is added to images, clipart, tables, shapes, and other objects so people who use assistive technology understand the image content.
- Images and object are positioned "In Line" with text and are not set for text wrapping.

Hyperlinks

- Hyperlink text is meaningful and provides a clear description of the link destination, rather than the URL alone.

Audio and Video

- Transcripts are provided for all embedded audio and video is closed captioned.