Accessible Path to Church Baptismal Fonts

**Code:** 2012 North Carolina Building Code  
**Section:** 1103.2.3  
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**Question:**  
Are church baptismal fonts required to be accessible?

**Answer:**

No. Baptismal fonts are not required to be accessible. The baptismal font area is addressed as an employee work area for the pastor/priest/minister which is typically less than 300 sf in area, elevated 7 inches or more above the ground or finished floor, where the elevation is essential to the function of the space. Such a space is exempt from all accessibility requirements. Stairs leading to the baptismal font area are required to comply with the building code.

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