

# Disability rights

**On April 5, 1977** many disabled people across the United States demonstrated outside of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) offices to demand their civil rights. In San Francisco over one hundred protesters refused to leave for twenty-six days. This remains the longest occupation of a federal building in US history. Their actions paved the way for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Many gather at UN Plaza in San Francisco to protest government indifference and to insist that Section 504 regulations be signed unchanged.

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