

# LUCAS OIL STADIUM

## THE ACCESSIBILITY

# DESIGN KEPT DISABLED IN MIND

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For Colts fans with disabilities, the best feature of Lucas Oil Stadium might be that it has no disabled section.

In the RCA Dome, wheelchair-accessible seating was cordoned off in separate sections that required a separate entrance to access. But the new stadium allows fans in wheelchairs to sit in nearly every section.

The stadium's handicapped-accessible seats are sprinkled in the first and last rows of most sections, providing options for nearly all views and prices. The stadium has more than 1,100 seats set aside for those with disabilities and their

family or friends.

Greg Fehribach, a disability-compliance lawyer, worked from the planning stages to ensure the stadium was not only in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act but was designed with wheelchair users in mind.

Nearly everything can be accessed by wheelchair. Ramps will lead wheelchair users to their seats. At the dome, Fehribach said, wheelchair users had to take elevators to get to their seats.

Because accessible seats are integrated at the stadium, it will be easier to put large groups together with a combination of accessible and regular seats, said stadium Director Mike Fox.