

SUCCESS CRITERION 2.4.11 · LEVEL AA

Focus Not Obscured (Minimum)



“Playing peek-a-boo with focused elements isn't fun. Keep my focus visible!”

Who this helps: Visual Impairments, Motor Impairments

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Ensures that when a user interface component receives keyboard focus, it is not completely obscured by other content, maintaining its visibility for users.

Principle 2: Operable

Guideline 2.4: Navigable

What each role can do

Product manager

Design interfaces to prevent essential elements from being obscured when they receive focus.

Designer

Consider the placement and visibility of interactive elements to ensure they remain visible when focused.

Developer

Implement UI designs where focused elements are not hidden by overlays or other content.

Tester

Test with keyboard navigation to ensure that focused elements are always at least partially visible.

Once it is fixed



> “Thanks for keeping my digital path clear! Now I can navigate without guesswork.”

WCAG Quotes

Every WCAG 2.2 success criterion, told by the person it helps.

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