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Standard 10 -- Frames. Frames shall be titled with text that facilitates frame identification and navigation. .

Examples:

10.1 -- Each frame has a title that describes its purpose or the type of information contained within the frame.

Frames -- Dos and Don'ts

Do	Don ' t
Avoid frames whenever possible.	Use frames for all navigation.

Why: Frames have gone out of fashion and for good reason. Frames render the user's "BACK" button and "HISTORY" list useless and cause serious barriers to keyboard users who need to move between frames -- e. g., the outer "navigation" frame and the inner "content" frame.

How: Instead of frames, use repeating navigation elements placed in a consistent location with consistent markup on each page.

Do	Don ' t
Label each frame with a unique title identifying the content and/or functionality.	Use no title or the same repeating title (e.g. "frame") for each frame.

Why: Users of assistive technology rely on frame titles to identify which frame currently has the focus and to move between frames.

How: For each <FRAME> element include an identifying "title" attribute.

Get more help with frames, visit [WebAIM's "Creating Accessible Frames."](#)