

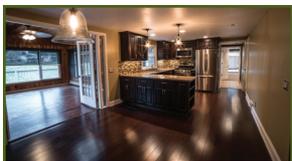
Accessible home shopping list

Refer to this list as you plan and shop for your home improvement project. By including accessible living features in your project, you will make your home **safer, more efficient, and easier for everyone** to use now and in the future. Be sure to tell your contractor or supplier that you want these accessible living features.



No-step entry

Removing steps from at least one of your home's entries opens your home to people with mobility issues and increases safety. The zero-step entry can be achieved through grading or a ramp. Use a low, beveled threshold at the doorway to further eliminate barriers.



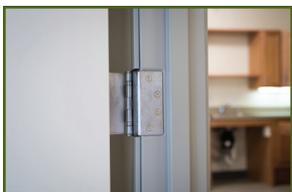
Strong lighting

Great lighting increases visibility and safety in your home. Consider task lighting in the kitchen, by your desk, and near other work areas.



36-inch doorways

All doorways should provide a minimum clearance of 32 inches. A 36-inch wide door is preferred: it provides enough room for most people and increases usability for everyone.



Swing-clear hinges

You can increase clearance in existing doorways simply by replacing your standard hinges with swing-clear hinges. These hinges swing the door clear of the door frame, adding about two inches of clearance.



Lever door handles

A lever door handle is easy to use because it doesn't require a strong grip or friction while turning. You can even use it with your elbow or while wearing mittens.



Easy-to-reach switches and outlets

To make your light switches and outlets easy to reach and more efficient to use, mount them no lower than 15 inches and no higher than 48 inches from the floor. This also applies to thermostats and fan controls.



Easy-to-open windows

While there is no simple solution to opening heavy and cumbersome windows, a lightweight casement or slider window is recommended. A shallow window sill allows the user to easily reach the window.



Appropriate flooring

The right flooring can reduce the risk of falling or tripping. Great options include slip-resistant tile, hardwood floors, and low-pile carpet. Install low transition strips between flooring materials.



Clear travel path

A clear travel path provides a safe route for people with and without disabilities to navigate your home. You can achieve this by removing tripping hazards, such as rugs and cords, and by clearing areas of excess furniture.



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