

ACCESSIBILITY CHECKLIST

Universal Design standards for residential spaces - 28 items to review for inclusive, future-proof design.

ENTRYWAYS & THRESHOLDS

- ☐ **Zero-step entrance** (0" rise)
At least one entry with no steps or thresholds
- ☐ **Flush thresholds** (Max 1/2" height)
No raised transitions at doorways
- ☐ **Covered entry approach** (Min 5' depth)
Weather protection at main entrance
- ☐ **Adequate exterior lighting** (Entry illuminated)
Clear visibility for safe approach

DOORWAYS & HALLWAYS

- ☐ **Wide doorways** (Min 36" clear)
Comfortable passage for wheelchairs and walkers
- ☐ **Wide hallways** (Min 42-48" wide)
Room for two people or a wheelchair to pass
- ☐ **Lever handles** (All doors)
Operable with a closed fist - easier for all abilities
- ☐ **Clear floor space at doors** (18" pull side)
Adequate maneuvering room on both sides

BATHROOMS

- ☐ **Curbless shower option** (0" curb)
Roll-in accessible, feels luxurious for all users
- ☐ **Blocking for grab bars** (All wet walls)
Reinforced walls for future installation
- ☐ **Accessible main floor bath** (32"+ door)
Half-bath usable by someone in a wheelchair
- ☐ **Non-slip flooring** (All bath floors)
Textured tile or slip-resistant material
- ☐ **Comfort-height toilet** (17-19" seat height)
Easier to sit and stand

KITCHEN & LIVING AREAS

- ☐ **Varied counter heights** (30-36" range)
Work surfaces at different levels for seated and standing use
- ☐ **Pull-out shelves** (Lower cabinets)
Accessible storage without deep reaching
- ☐ **Accessible controls** (No rear reach)
Front-mounted appliance controls
- ☐ **Adequate aisle width** (Min 42" clear)
Room to move between counters and appliances

VERTICAL CIRCULATION

- ☐ **Main floor living option** (Bedroom + bath)
Master suite or convertible room on entry level
- ☐ **Elevator prep** (Min 5'x5' shaft)
Stacked closets or shaft space for future elevator
- ☐ **Stair handrails** (34-38" height)
Continuous rails on both sides, graspable profile
- ☐ **Stair lighting** (Each tread visible)
Illuminated treads for visibility

LIGHTING & CONTROLS

- ☐ **Lowered switches** (42-44" height)
Reachable from a seated position
- ☐ **Raised outlets** (18-24" from floor)
Less bending required
- ☐ **Rocker or touch switches** (All switches)
Operable without pinching or twisting
- ☐ **High-contrast switches** (Contrasting plates)
Visible against wall color for low vision

OUTDOOR SPACES

- ☐ **Accessible pathways** (Min 36" wide)
Firm, level surfaces connecting outdoor areas
- ☐ **Ramp or grade access** (Max 1:12 slope)
No-step connection between levels
- ☐ **Accessible garage entry** (Min 9' wide door)
Wide door for wheelchair van access

THE "VISITABILITY" MINIMUM

- ☐ At least one zero-step entrance
- ☐ 32"+ clear passage through main floor doors
- ☐ One wheelchair-accessible half-bath on main floor