

# 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**