

VisitAbility Project

The Canadian Centre on Disability Studies (CCDS) is undertaking the VisitAbility Project, which promotes VisitAble Housing across Canada. This is a national initiative that runs from May 2013 to March 2016. The Project is supported by the Government of Canada's Social Development Partnerships Program – Disability Component.

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VisitAbleHousingCanada.com

What is VisitAble Housing?

VisitAbility is a movement with a vision that all new homes offer basic accessibility features, making the whole community more inclusive. VisitAble Housing provides easy access on the main level for all residents and visitors of all ages and mobility needs.

VisitAbility Features

VisitAble homes have three accessibility features on the main floor:

- No-step entrance (at the front, back or side of the house).
- Wider doorways and hallways with a path of accessible travel to the washroom.
- Wheelchair accessible bathroom.



Photo: Government of Manitoba

Advantages

- Aging in place
- Easy access for everyone: people with mobility issues, those with children in strollers, those carrying large or heavy



Photo: Canadian Centre on Disability Studies

- items, furniture, or equipment.
- Prevention of premature institutionalization of older adults due to mobility changes.
- Reduced risks of fall or injuries at home.
- Reduced costs for home renovations at a time of mobility changes.
- Inclusive community.


Key Project Activities

- Research on VisitAble Housing
- Development of information material and resources on VisitAble Housing
- Creation of a provincial/territorial

resource list of VisitAble Housing

- Webinars
- Awards of Excellence in VisitAble Housing to recognize and showcase exemplary practices of VisitAble Housing in Canada

VisitAbility Task Forces across Canada

The CCDS Project Team works with six task forces: three First Nations near Victoria, BC; Richmond, BC; Edmonton, AB; Winnipeg, MB; Ottawa, ON; and Kitchener-Waterloo, ON. The task forces are working to promote VisitAble Housing in their community. 

Would You Like to Support Our Work in VisitAble Housing?

Online Campaign

Show your support for VisitAble Housing in Canada by signing our Online Campaign! Click the following link: <http://VisitAbleHousingCanada.com>

Awards of Excellence in VisitAble Housing

If you are aware of a home or housing project built with all three VisitAbility features, we invite your submission to the Awards. <http://VisitAbleHousingCanada.com/visitability-awards-excellence/>

Supporting Organizations

Our Supporting Organizations assist our work by disseminating information about VisitAble Housing and the VisitAbility Project within their network and membership. If your organization is interested, contact: Allen Mankewich (204) 287-8411 amankewich@disabilitystudies.ca

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