

VisitAble Housing Canada Accessibility Continuum Chart

Minimum Features	VisitAble Design	Enhanced Visitability	Adaptable Housing	Accessible Housing	Universal Design
No-step entrance with accessible path to entrance		✓	✓	✓	
Minimum doorway width 36" (915mm) with lever handles on all doors and minimum hallway width 43 1/4" (1100mm)		✓	✓	✓	✓
Accessible half bathroom with: reinforced walls & support features, lever faucets, manouvre space to access the sink and toilet, room for transfer space around the toilet	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Overnight space		✓	✓	✓	✓
Non-slip floor washrooms		✓	✓	✓	✓
Audio visual alarms		✓	✓	✓	✓
Kitchen to allow wheelchair manoeuvring in front of all appliances		✓	✓	✓	✓
Lever faucets in kitchen		✓	✓	✓	✓
Rocker or touch sensitive switches and controls		✓	✓	✓	
Raised electrical receptacles		✓	✓	✓	
Lower controls: light switches, thermostats, intercom, door bells, security alarms		✓	✓	✓	
Adjustable heights of closet rods		✓	✓	✓	
Adequate lighting at entrance area		✓	✓	✓	✓
Adequate latch space for proper approach		✓	✓	✓	✓
At least one accessible bedroom			✓	✓	
Direct access from house into garage			✓	✓	
Large parking space can be converted to garage			✓	✓	✓
Stacked closet convertible to elevator shaft			✓	✓	✓
Manoeuvring space in all areas of the dwelling unit including bathrooms, laundry area, kitchen, bedrooms			✓	✓	✓
Curbless shower with door replaceable by curtain			✓	✓	✓
Seats in showers and next to tub			✓	✓	
All areas of dwelling unit are accessible through use of residential elevator or stair lift				✓	✓
Adjustable counter heights			✓	✓	✓
Off set controls for bathtub and shower			✓	✓	✓
Adjustable closet			✓	✓	✓
Strobe lights on smoke detectors				✓	✓
Audible signals				✓	✓
Lower countertop segments				✓	✓
Seats next to bathroom fixtures				✓	✓
Off-centre bathtub controls				✓	✓
Usability balanced with aesthetics					✓
Meets the needs of a broad range of persons without adaptation or specialized design					✓
Increased safety, convenience, and comfort for all					