



Home Modification Strategies

Exterior Entrances and Exits

- ✍ Increase lighting at entry area
- ✍ Install stair rails on both sides
- ✍ Install door lever-type handles; double-bolt lock
- ✍ Install beveled, no step, no trip threshold
- ✍ Remove screen/storm door if needed
- ✍ Create surface to place packages when opening door
- ✍ Install peephole on exterior door
- ✍ Repair holes, uneven joints on walkway
- ✍ Provide non-slip finish to walkway surface
- ✍ Add ramp

Interior Doors, Stairs, and Halls

- ✍ Create clear pathways between rooms
- ✍ Apply contrasting color and/or texture change at top & bottom of stairs, steps and landings
- ✍ Install lever type door handles
- ✍ Install offset hinges to widen clear door space (min 32in.)
- ✍ Install beveled thresholds (max 1/2 in.)
- ✍ Replace/ add non-slip surface on steps
- ✍ Repair/install stair handrails on both sides

Bathroom

- ✍ Install offset hinges to widen clear door space (min 32in.)
- ✍ Install secure wall reinforcement and place grab bars at toilet, bath and shower
- ✍ Install adjustable-height shower head
- ✍ Install non-slip strips in bath/shower
- ✍ Secure floor bathmat with non-slip, double-sided rug tape
- ✍ Elevate toilet height by adding portable seat or raising toilet base on a pedestal
- ✍ Adapt flush handle or install flush sensor
- ✍ Adapt or relocate toilet paper dispenser
- ✍ Round counter corners to provide safety
- ✍ Insulate hot water pipes if exposed
- ✍ Create sitting knee clearance at basin by removing vanity door/shelves underneath
- ✍ Install mirror for sitting/standing view
- ✍ Install good-quality non-glare lighting
- ✍ Install shower with no threshold if bathing abilities are severely limited

Telephone and Front Door

- ✍ Install phone jacks near bed/sofa/chair
- ✍ Install peephole at convenient height
- ✍ Install flashing light or sound amplifier to indicate doorbell ringing for those with visual/hearing problems
- ✍ Install mailbox at accessible height
- ✍ Install double sided carpet tape to secure loose rugs

Kitchen

- ✍ Increase task lighting- sink, stove, etc.
- ✍ Install "D" type cupboard door handles
- ✍ Increase access to upper cabinets with adjustable shelving
- ✍ Increase access to lower cabinets with pull-out units
- ✍ Insulate exposed hot water pipes
- ✍ Install heat-proof surface near oven
- ✍ Install switches/outlets at front of counter
- ✍ Install pressure-balanced, temperature regulated faucets with lever type handles and/or pull-out adjustable spray
- ✍ Create sitting knee clearance under work sites by removing door/shelves
- ✍ Improve color-contrast cabinet/counters surface edges for those with low vision
- ✍ Add tactile/color contrasted controls for those with low vision

Living Room, Dining Room, and Bedroom

- ✍ Widen/clear pathways by rearranging furniture
- ✍ Secure throw/area rug edges with double-sided tape
- ✍ Improve access to & from chairs, beds and other furniture with appropriate height risers and/or furniture leg extenders
- ✍ Use side bed rail or chairs with armrests
- ✍ Install telephone jack near chair/bed
- ✍ Enlarge lamp switch or install touch control lamp at bedside
- ✍ Install adjustable closet rods/shelving and light source for better storage access
- ✍ Install vertical pole adjacent to chair/sofa
- ✍ Install uniform level floor surfaces using wood/tile/or low pile rugs

Windows

- ✍ Install easy-to-grip handles and locks at appropriate heights

Laundry

- ✍ Build counter for sorting/folding clothes
- ✍ Adjust clothesline to convenient height
- ✍ Relocate laundry appliances

Storage Space

- ✍ Install lights inside closet
- ✍ Install adjustable closet rods and shelves
- ✍ Install bi-fold/pocket doors

Heat, Air, Light, Security, Water, Temperature, and Carbon Monoxide Controls

- ✍ Install smoke/CO2 detectors; fire extinguishers
- ✍ Increase residents' access to environmental control systems