

INFORMATIONAL LIST FOR BASIC UNIVERSAL DESIGN FEATURES

The following is an informational list of basic universal design features. All licensed contractors of any proposed residential housing in the state are required to provide this list to the buyer. These features **are not a requirement** in order for a home to meet local building codes. If interested in any of these features, please request further information from your contractor. The list below has been certified by the West Virginia Contractor Licensing Board as required by §21-11-10A (c).

Exterior:

- Sloping walkways at 1:20 maximum slope to provide an accessible route of travel from parking area, drop off points, bus stop, etc. to accessible entrance
- Lighting along accessible route of travel and at accessible entrance for safety and better night vision.

Accessible Entrances:

- At least one accessible entrance per dwelling unit
- Threshold at accessible entrance no more than ½ inch
- 32” minimum clear width at door of accessible entrance
- A 5'X5' clear entrance space inside and outside entry doors to make maneuvering easier
- A covering over the accessible entrance

General:

- Doors that are 32" minimum clear width throughout dwelling
- Hallways that are minimum 42” wide
- No change in floor elevation over ½ inch throughout dwelling after floor finishing
- Easy touch rocker switches for use with people who have limited hand strength.
- Outlets 18” above floor
- Switches 44-48” above floor

Bathroom

- Reinforced walls for potential installation of grab bars at toilet, shower and tub
- Knee space under sinks with pipe protection to prevent contact with hot pipes
- Varying counter height
- Mirrors placed to allow viewing from various heights
- Hands-free or single-lever faucet controls
- No-step shower
- Outlets and switches located at front of counters
- Faucets located at side of sink
- Hand -held shower heads, or adjustable height moveable hand-held shower heads

Storage:

- Adjustable height closet rods and shelves to allow flexibility of storage options

Hardware:

- Lever door handles
- Loop handle pulls on cabinet doors

Home Automation:

- Intercom doorbells
- Voice-control or remote control units for devices

Kitchen:

- Counters at varying levels
- Knee space under sinks with pipe protection to prevent contact with hot pipes
- Rolling carts for easy maneuvering of items around the kitchen.
- Color contrasting on counter tops to allow for easy recognition of counter edges and to prevent spills.
- Pull out drawers for easy to reach storage.
- Side-by-side refrigerator to provide easy and convenient access to refrigerator items
- Front mounted controls on stove
- Outlets and switches located at front of counters
- Faucets located at side of sink

Laundry:

- Front loading washer and dryer with front mounted controls