



The
Road Home

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The Road Home Small Rental Property Program - Visitability Standard

Visitability standards may be seen as the first step towards an accessible home, one which accommodates the widest range of potential users, including small children, the frail and elderly, people with mobility and visual impairments (disabilities), and other special needs. While Visitability does not guarantee complete access within a home, it ensures that the entrance, hallways, and bathrooms can be navigated by someone with a mobility impairment who uses a wheelchair. Building to these standards also allows a non-disabled person to continue residing in a home should he or she develop a disability.

To meet *The Road Home Visitability Standard* you must include all of the following features*:

1. Exterior access route to the outside entry shall be a minimum of 36" wide and not exceed a 1:12 slope. (Applicable to ground floor units only.)
2. Exterior space immediately outside of the accessible entrance to the entry door shall be no less than 42" x 54" and must be flush with the threshold.
3. Threshold through the accessible entrance may not exceed ½". (Applicable to ground floor units only.)
4. Minimum clear width of halls shall be 36" up to at least 48" high without projections.
5. At least one two-fixture bathroom (sink and toilet) must be on the accessible floor of two-story units as well as in units located wholly in the upstairs of a building.
6. Interior doorway thresholds on the accessible floor must not exceed ½".
7. Minimum clear openings for doors shall be 32" (i.e., the door itself is a minimum of 34" wide).
8. A clear floor space of 30" x 48" shall be provided and extend a maximum of 19" under the lavatory (sink). (Spaces may overlap.)
9. Toilet must have grab bars mounted 34" to 38" above floor on back wall. A grab bar is also required on side wall if it is between 16" and 18" from the center of the toilet.
10. Wall behind the grab bars must be reinforced with blocking or plywood to support an adult's weight.

**All items are mandatory.*

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