



Construction and Contractors

An Introduction

Through the Construction and Contractors series of *UDI Design Guides*, you will find all the information needed for finding and selecting a contractor, as well as getting a reasonable contract with the professional of your choosing.

Contractor



- ✓ good references
- ✓ problem solver
- ✓ willing to listen

Contractors must recognize that adaption to your home are unlike commercially standard solutions. Homes are personalized and need not fall under the control of government access codes. Code regulation can be helpful guidelines, but the final decisions are usually yours to make.

Adaptive construction requires attention to your personal needs instead of an adherence to standard solutions. Experience in adaptive construction can be useful but isn't essential. Some contractors have experience in home adaption, or in "barrier free" construction for a commercial space. This may provide some useful insight. If the contractor does have experience in adaptive construction, make sure they aren't limiting you to solutions they have used with past clients.



A contractors license isn't necessary for installing grab bars or small ramps, but for larger projects involving plumbing, electrical work, or changes in your ventilation system, a license is an important qualification.