



Universal Features List

AREA	FEATURE
Entrances	1. One entrance without steps and low threshold
	2. Minimum 60" by 60" level maneuvering space at step less entrance (roof over entrance offers additional convenience)
General Interior	3. Hall widths of 42" minimum
	4. Passage doors 32" clear opening width
	5. Maneuvering space at doors, latch side clearance provided
	6. Wall switches no higher than 48", outlets no lower than 18"
	7. In two story dwellings, key function areas are on a reachable level: kitchen, usable bath, laundry, room that can be used as a bedroom
Kitchens	8. Clear floor space in kitchens; at least 42" between cabinet faces
	9. Pull out shelves on base cabinets with doors.
Bathrooms	10. Clear floor space, 30 x 48" in front of lavatory.
	11. Outswinging or pocket entry door.
	12. Broadly applied bands of blocking (reinforcement) inside walls around toilets and bathing fixtures for future installation of grab bars
	13. Offset controls in tub or shower to minimize stooping, bending, and reaching
	14. Toilet in a 48" X 56" space with centerline of toilet 18" from sidewall
	15. Curbless showers, if installed, at least 36" X 60"

These features, when incorporated into the dwelling, offer residents with children, a family member with a disability or an older adult the possibility of being safe and independent for as long as possible. Required customizations are much less costly and extensive.