



## House Evaluation Checklist

**Purpose:** To identify accessibility problems and solutions in existing homes. The goal of the survey is to aid in planning how to make an existing house more usable for persons with disabilities.

**Use:** In the notes area below, Provide as much back ground information as possible including limitations of disability. Use column on left to identify accessibility problems. Refer to column at right to identify possible solutions.

Date : \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Homeowner: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name – family member who is physically challenged

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic:	Possible solutions:
<p><b><u>Accessible Approach/Entrance:</u></b></p> <p>Is there an entrance into the house that does not require stairs?                      Yes    No</p> <p>Is approach to house at least 36” wide and of firm, slip resistant materials? (paths and walks)                      Yes    No</p> <p>Do curbs on route have curb cuts?                      Yes    No</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Add a ramp if the approach/entrance is interrupted by steps. Max. slope 1:12.</li> <li>○ Add an alternative route on level ground.</li> <li>○ Repair uneven paving</li> <li>○ Replace gravel with hardtop</li> <li>○ Change or relocate landscaping or other features that narrow route</li> <li>○ Widen route</li> <li>○ Install flush curb</li> <li>○ Add small ramp up to curb</li> </ul>

<b>Existing Ramps</b>		
Are slopes of ramps no greater than 1:12	Yes No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lengthen ramp to decrease slope</li> <li>○ Relocate/remodel ramp</li> </ul>
Do ramps longer than 6 feet have Railings on both sides?	Yes No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Add railings 30"-34" max.</li> </ul>
Is width between railings at least 36 inches wide?	Yes No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Widen ramp.</li> </ul>
Are ramps of non slip material?	Yes No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Add non-slip surface material</li> </ul>
<b>Entrance</b>		
Is entrance door at least 32" clear Width opening?	Yes No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide 36" wide door min.</li> </ul>
Is there at least 18" of clear wall space On the pull side of the door adjacent To the handle? <i>A person using a wheelchair or crutches needs This space to get close enough to open the door</i>	Yes No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Remove or relocate furnishings, Partitions or other obstructions.</li> <li>○ Relocate door.</li> </ul>
Is the threshold edge 1/4" or less, or 3/4" max. with a beveled edge?	Yes No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide Accessible threshold</li> </ul>
If provided, Are carpeting or mats 1/2" high max?	Yes No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Secure carpet or Mat edges</li> </ul>
Are edges securely installed to Minimize tripping hazards?	Yes No	
Is the door handle more than 48" above the floor and operable with a closed fist?	Yes No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lower handle</li> <li>○ Replace knob with lever or loop handle</li> <li>○ Retrofit knob with lever extension</li> </ul>
Can doors be operated without too Much force?	Yes No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adjust door closers and / or oil hinges.</li> <li>○ Install lighter doors.</li> </ul>

<p><b><u>Interior Access</u></b>  <i>Ideally, the layout of the house should allow people with disabilities to use the house without aid.</i></p>		
Does the person with disability have bedroom on main level?	Yes No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Create bedroom on main level. Provide rescue window opening as required by local codes.</li> <li>○ Provide wider doors 32" min.</li> </ul>
Are doors to bathrooms, Kitchen and bedrooms 32" min. clear opening	Yes No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Replace threshold.</li> </ul>
Are threshold heights 1/4" or less, or 3/4" max. with a beveled edge?	Yes No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Remove partitions and/or furnishings to provide 36" min. clear width to rooms and spaces.</li> </ul>
Is access to rooms and spaces at least 36" wide?	Yes No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Remove partitions and/or furnishings to provide for reversal of direction.</li> </ul>
Where required, is there a 5 foot circle Or a T shaped space for a person in a Wheel chair to reverse direction? <i>(required in rooms and spaces and At ends of circulation routes)</i>	Yes No	
<p><b><u>Controls</u></b></p>		
Are controls located at an accessible Height? (switches, thermostats, cabinets)	Yes No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Relocate controls</li> </ul>
<p><i>Reach Range:</i>  <i>The max. height for side reach is 54"</i>  <i>For forward reach max. height is 48"</i>  <i>Min. height for side approach is 9"</i>  <i>Min. height for forward approach is 15"</i></p>		<p>Measure reach range:  <i>The max. height for side reach is _____</i>  <i>For forward reach max. height is _____</i>  <i>Min. height for side approach is _____</i>  <i>Min. height for forward approach is _____</i></p>
Are controls operable with a closed fist?	Yes No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Replace controls</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Seats, Tables and Counters</u></b></p>		
Are tops of tables or counters between 28" & 34" high?	Yes No	
Are knee spaces at least 27" high, 30" wide and 19" deep?	Yes No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rearrange table to allow room for wheelchair seating.</li> </ul>

<p>At kitchen is there at least one prep surface that meets the counter and knee space requirements above?</p>	<p>Yes No</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide auxiliary table or counter for prep surface.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Usability of Bathroom</u></b></p>		
<p>Is doorway at least 32" clear width?</p>	<p>Yes No</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Widen doorway, provide 36" door if possible.</li> </ul>
<p>Does the bathroom provide adequate maneuvering space for a person in a wheelchair?</p>	<p>Yes No</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Remove obstacles.</li> <li>○ Expand bathroom into adjacent rooms or closets to approach space requirement needs as layout allows.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Average person in a wheelchair needs 36" clear width for forward movement and a 5 foot diameter of T-shaped clear space to make turns. Measure your wheelchair for exact demensions.</i></p>		
<p>Does lavatory have a 30" wide by 48" deep clear space in front and a 19" min. depth for knee space?</p>	<p>Yes No</p>	
<p>Is lavatory rim 34" max. above floor?</p>	<p>Yes No</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adjust or replace lavatory</li> </ul>
<p>Can faucet be operated with closed fist?</p>	<p>Yes No</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Replace with paddle or lever handles.</li> </ul>
<p>Is the mirror mounted 40" maximum to bottom edge?</p>	<p>Yes No</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lower mirror or provide angled mirror.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Shower compartment</u></b></p>		
<p>Is there an accessible shower in Bathroom</p>	<p>Yes No</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Where possible provide roll-in shower. With grab bars and foldable seat. At a minimum remove existing tub and provide shower 60"x32" shower compartment with 3" curb and pan.</li> </ul>