

Universal Design Checklist (adapted from AARP Livable Communities Checklists)

It is the intent of this checklist to provide guidance on elements of Universal Design that can be added to provide additional functionality for residents and visitors of funded units. These design elements would be offered in addition to what is already required by state and federal law.

	Number of units in the project with these options	Variance explanation. Can items be easily added?
General Elements		
36-inch-wide entry door with lever-style handle		
Adequate non-glare lighting inside and outside entries		
Easy-touch, rocker-style light switches at top and bottom of stairs, 42 inches off floor		
Electrical outlets 18 inches off the floor		
Low pile or hard non-slip surface flooring		
D-shaped or pull-style cabinet and drawer handles		
Entrances & Exits to Building and Unit Checklist		
Accessible path into building and unit from accessible parking spaces		
At least one no-step entry into the building and unit with ADA threshold doorway		
Ample and level maneuvering room in entryway		
Covered entrance to protect from inclement weather		

Lighted doorbell at an easily reachable height		
High-visibility unit numbers		
Slip-resistant walkways and entryways		
At least one entrance must accommodate persons with walkers		
Stairways & Halls Checklist (Common Areas Only)		
Handrails on both sides of interior and exterior steps/stairs		
Deep stair treads, to accommodate entire foot (12" with 1" nosing) in non-elevator buildings		
Den & Living Room Checklist		
36-inch-wide doors for easy access, or pocket doors		
Kitchen Checklist		
Clear counter space next to sink and all appliances		
Non-glare task lighting over sink, stove, and work areas		
Anti-scald faucet with lever-style handle or limits on hot water temperature		
D-shaped or pull-style cabinet and drawer handles		

Provide space for an ADA refrigerator		
Designated space for easy-access and removable recyclables, trash and compost to ensure barrier free space.		
Front-loading washer and dryer, stacked or on raised platform to reduce bending, with accessible controls on front		
Bedroom Checklist		
Avoid bi-fold or accordion closet doors, which can be difficult to open and close		
Bathroom Checklist		
Lever handle, anti-scald faucets on sink, bathtub, and shower		
Low threshold walk-in or roll-in shower with minimum dimensions 5 feet by 3 feet (4 feet preferred) or ADA bathtub with a seat		
Hand-held, adjustable- height showerhead with easily operable controls		
Toilet centered 18 inches from any side wall, tub, or cabinet		
Grab bars or wall- blocking for future installation in tub, shower and grabbars at visitable toilet		
Countertops with rounded edges		
Towel bars, soap and toothbrush holders 48 inches off floor		

Senior Housing	Number of units in the project with these options	Variance explanation. Can items be easily added?
Flush transitions or ADA accessible transition strips between flooring types & non-slip flooring		
5-ft roll in showers in the majority of residential units		
Automatic door openers at main building entrances (to lobbies or common areas)		
5 x 3-ft accessible turning radius in all bathrooms		
Removable cabinets for accessibility		
Handrails on both sides of corridors (common areas)		
5-ft wide corridors (common areas)		

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