

# Home Accessibility & Safety Checklist

This form is for Occupational Therapists and Modification Specialists

Evaluation of Client and Family Members					
<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair User	<input type="checkbox"/> Manual wheelchair	<input type="checkbox"/> Power wheelchair			
Weight of chair & client _____	Width of chair _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Walker			
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited walking ability	<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing impairment	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual impairment			
Turning radius of mobility device					
Comments:					
Identified Problem Areas in House					
<input type="checkbox"/> Entry into house	<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/> Bathroom			
<input type="checkbox"/> Access to 2 <sup>nd</sup> story (steps)	<input type="checkbox"/> Laundry	<input type="checkbox"/> Basement			
<input type="checkbox"/> Bedroom	<input type="checkbox"/> Other				
Comments:					
Residence Location					
<input type="checkbox"/> Access to public transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Access to shopping				
<input type="checkbox"/> Access to health care professionals	<input type="checkbox"/> Private transportation available				
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking available					
From the Outside In					
Comments:		Existing	Already Modified	Needs to be Modified	Budget/ Funding
<b>Front Door</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Door width verified _____					
Threshold ramp required (height of threshold _____)					
Ramp					
Stairlift					
Vertical Platform Lift					
Incline Platform Lift					
Entry into the house on grade					
Steps (number of steps _____)					
Swing of door verified and clearance					
Alternative entry (not primary entry into house)					
Automatic door opener					
<b>Garage</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Oversized		Comments:			
Primary access into house					
Use of modified vehicle Description: Ceiling height (9'6" for raised van)					
Threshold ramp required (height of threshold _____)					
Steps (number of steps _____)					
Ramp					
Stairlift					
Vertical Platform Lift					
Garage door opener					
Automatic door opener to house					

## General Home Considerations

Single story residence     Multi-level residence

Comments:

Are the following rooms accessible?	Yes	No		Yes	No
Kitchen			Bathroom		
Laundry			Bedroom		
Rental			Assisted Living		

# General

Existing

Already Modified

Needs to be Modified

Budget/  
Funding

## General Information

Wide hallways				
Hardwood/laminate surfaces				

## Doorway Information

Wide doorways				
Narrow doors Recommended size _____				
Remove doors				
Install special swing-clear hinges (+ 1.5 inches)				
Reverse direction of swing				
Widen door width				
Install pocket doors				
Door Hardware (round or elongated)				
Lever style hardware				

## Lighting

Light switches accessible <b>Lower/remote control</b> -Illuminated paddle switches are preferred for use in entryway, bedroom, hallways & kitchen -Switches, electrical outlets, thermostat, keypads & intercoms (20"+ off floor to 40" off floor)				
Motion detector lighting				
Timed exterior lighting				
Remote/touch screen lighting				

## Electrical

Electrical outlets to accommodate additional lighting options				
Access to critical outlets <b>Lower/remote control</b>				
Electrical controls/outlets- Chair height				
Access to thermostat <b>Lower/remote control</b>				
Programmable thermostat				

## Room to Room Access

Ceiling track required				
Bed transfer				
Bathroom transfer				
Room to room transfer				
Other _____				

<b>General</b>	Existing	Already Modified	Needs to be Modified	Budget/ Funding
<b>General Considerations</b>				
Mailbox/delivery- Chair height				
Phone jacks- Chair height				
Push button phone- Chair height				
Doorbell- Chair height				
Window Blinds are operational by switch or remote				
<b>General Safety</b>				
Windows easily operated -Ideally side slide w/ less than 8 lbs pressure, located 24"-28" from floor)				
Skylights				
Adequate lighting				
Exterior motion detection lighting				
Surveillance cameras				
Basement flood alarm				
Carbon monoxide detector alarm				
Standard fire alarms				
Visual fire alarm required				
Standard doorbell				
Visual doorbell required				
Fingerprint door lock				
<b>Basic Utilities</b>				
Water heater temperature -Recommended less than 120 degrees to prevent scalding				
Air Conditioning				
<b>Emergency Exits</b>				
More than one exit available from home				
Direct outside emergency exit from bedroom				
<b>Remove tripping hazards to include but not limited to:</b>				
Throw rugs				
Electrical Cords				
Loose carpeting				
High pile carpeting/padding				
Low pile carpet				

<b>Kitchen</b>	Existing	Already Modified	Needs to be Modified	Budget/ Funding
All outlets are GFI				
Countertop corners (smooth or rounded off)				
Variable height countertops are a plus (28" - 42")				
Client can maneuver in space with adequate room for knees/feet under countertops				
<b>Appliances</b>				
Range/Oven <input type="checkbox"/> Controls located on front <input type="checkbox"/> Countertop cook top (smooth) <input type="checkbox"/> Hot surface indicator lights <input type="checkbox"/> Chair height wall oven (30"-42")				
Microwave accessible (not too deep on countertop)				
Refrigerator <input type="checkbox"/> Side-by-side <input type="checkbox"/> Water dispenser available/required				
Dishwasher (front controlled) or slide in drawer unit				
Raise dishwasher 6"-8"				
<b>Cabinetry/Storage</b>				
Wall cabinets <input type="checkbox"/> Too high <input type="checkbox"/> Lower				
Add new cabinets or free-standing storage				
Countertop Height _____				
Substitute drop leaf cart with wheels or equivalent for food preparation				
Accessible cabinetry with higher toekick heights (minimum 6")				
Pull-out shelves (full extension)				
Full extension glides on drawers				
Lazy-susan shelving in corner units				
Drawer and cabinet hardware "U" or "D" style design				
Pull down shelving on upper cabinets				
<b>Sink/Faucet</b>				
Lever handed faucets				
Single handed Faucet				
Pull out sprayer				
Faucet controls located on side of sink for easier reach				
New 6.5" deep kitchen sinks allow easier access and less bending (improved open space under knees)				
If open under sink, check for insulation or scald guard wrapping around plumbing.				

<b>Bathroom</b>	Existing	Already Modified	Needs to be Modified	Budget/ Funding
5' square space required for most wheelchair rotation				
Adequate space to maneuver				
Telephone outlet				
Non-slip floor material				
Grab bars				
Reinforced walls				
Reinforced ceiling to accommodate ceiling lifts/tracks				
Sink access				
<b>Door Access</b>				
Door width adequate				
Door swing appropriate				
Pocket door recommended				
<b>Shower/Bathtub Evaluation</b>				
Non-skid shower surface				
Shower seat				
Roll-in shower				
Bath lift				
Hand-held shower head				
Shower head on sliding bar w/ height adjustment				
Move tub controls to outside of tub/shower				
Tub with access door				
Sliding transfer seat				
Zero step entry (36" x60")				
<b>Toilet</b>				
Raised toilet (ADA) 17"-19" or wall mounted toilet at appropriate height				
Toilet Raiser				
<b>Sink/Faucet Area</b>				
Lever handed faucets				
Roll-under vanity top				
Motion-activated faucet				
Plumbing protected				
Lowered/tiled mirror				
Chair-height storage				
Sitting area with downward tilting mirror and built in knee space				

Bedroom, Closets, & Laundry	Existing	Already Modified	Needs to be Modified	Budget/Funding
<b>Bedroom</b>				
Client has access				
Adequate space to maneuver				
Adequate lighting				
Door width adequate				
Door swing appropriate				
Pocket door recommended				
Reinforced ceiling to accommodate ceiling lifts/tracks				
Built-in cabinetry has adequate toe kick area (minimum 6')				
Transfer Issues				
Closet storage available				
<b>Closets</b>				
Walk-in				
Sliding doors or bi-folding doors				
Shelving less than 18" deep				
Adjustable shelving and hanging rods				
<b>Laundry Room/Access</b>				
Client has access to laundry room				
Adequate space to maneuver				
Door width adequate				
Door swing appropriate				
Pocket door recommended				
Front loading washer/dryer				
Top loading washer/dryer				
Laundry on pedestals for easier access				
Alternative location required for laundry facilities				
Laundry located in basement				
Chair-height for a person using a wheelchair is typically 48 inches from a front approach and approximately 54 inches from a parallel approach. Measuring client is always highly recommended.				
Refer to ADA standards for general guidelines.				
Client Name:		Contact Name:		
Address:				
Phone:		Fax #:	Email:	
Notes:				