

Accessible Housing

List of Resources

Helping communities and individuals
make homes more accessible.



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Individuals & Homeowners

Resource	Purpose	Topic
Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation	Accessible and Adaptable Housing information to make your housing accessible. Factsheets, check lists and guides that show how to adapt a home to meet changing needs.	Accessible Design
	Maintaining Seniors' Independence: A Guide to Home Adaptations identifies the types of difficulties that seniors can experience and describes types of adaptations that can help overcome these difficulties.	Aging at Home
BC Housing	The Home Adaptations for Independence (HAFI) program provides financial assistance (up to \$20,000) to low-income seniors and people with disabilities for home adaptations so they may continue to live in their home.	Aging at Home/Grant
	The Seniors' Supportive Housing program funds renovations and upgrades to existing housing for low-income seniors and people with disabilities to enhance accessibility and improve safety systems.	Aging at Home/Grant
Measuring up the North	Creating livable, age-friendly, disability-friendly, universally designed, inclusive communities that benefit all citizens and visitors. Measuring up the North offers a wide range of accessibility and inclusion topics.	Accessible Communities
Spinal Cord Injury BC	Provides accessible housing resources for housing seekers and housing providers. The SCI information database has more than 800 current and comprehensive resources for people with spinal cord injuries, their families, and other stakeholders in British Columbia.	Accessible Housing
American Association of Retired People	The AARP Home Fit Guide provides information and suggestions to help identify ways your home can be designed or updated to support your needs and lifestyle at any age. Suggestions range from simple tasks to more complicated projects that may require professional help.	Accessible Housing/Renovations
	No-cost/low-cost home improvements for a more comfortable, safer and easy-to-live-in home guide.	Mobility Options

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Local Government, Builders and Developers		
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Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation	CHMC FlexHousing™ is an innovative approach to home design, renovation and construction. FlexHousing can adapt and convert affordably as residents' lifestyles and needs change. FlexHousing allows for easy and cost effective adaptations to floorplans, amenities and services.	Accessible Design
Province of British Columbia	The 2012 British Columbia Building Code includes accessibility provisions to provide access to buildings and building facilities.	Accessibility and Construction
	The BC Building Code includes adaptable housing standards for single-story suites in new residential multi-unit buildings. The provisions apply where local governments have opted to reference the standards through bylaw.	Adaptable Housing Provisions
	The Building Access Handbook 2014 provides commentary and illustrations on BC Building Code accessibility requirements.	Accessibility and Construction
District of Saanich	Mandatory Building Standards for Adaptable Housing includes barrier-free access to all suites and amenity areas, wider doorways, manoeuvring room at suite entries and corridors, access to a main-floor bathroom, reinforced bathroom walls for future installation of grab bars, and accessible door handles, switches, and outlets.	Adaptable Housing
	Voluntary design guidelines for apartments (Enhanced Adaptable Housing) and ground-oriented housing (Single Family and Townhouses Adaptable Housing Design Guidelines).	Adaptable Housing
City of Vancouver	All new single-family, townhouse and laneway homes must meet minimum accessibility standards .	Accessibility
	Vancouver's " enhanced accessibility " provisions require full access from the street and parking areas to all areas of the building, including apartment units, and common amenity areas of the building where an elevator and a public corridor are provided.	
City of Prince George	The Prince George VISIBLE Housing Project provides information and guidelines to encourage the application of visible design and construction for new single and two-family home construction in the city.	Accessibility and Construction