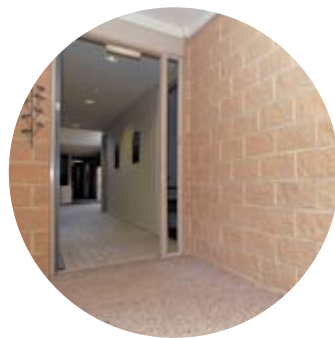
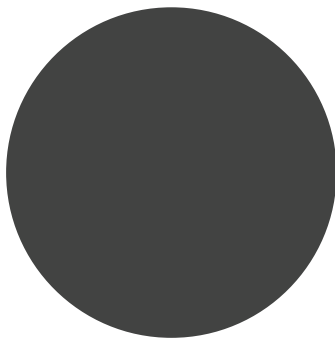
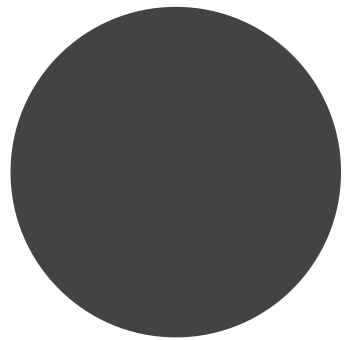
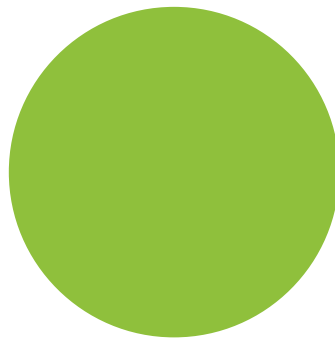
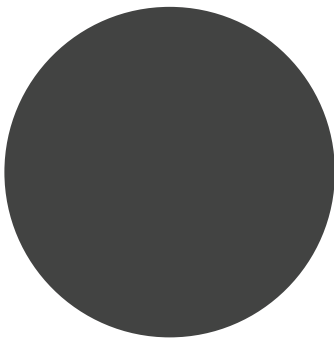




# Build for Life

*The guide for **stylish, practical and accessible homes.***



## Stylish, practical accessible homes

Your home is your single biggest investment so you want it to last.

A well designed house can adapt to your changing needs, no matter where you are in life, from raising small children to using crutches while recovering from an injury, living with a disability or welcoming ageing parents.

This brochure will give you ideas about stylish and practical features that can make your home more accessible – things like wider, stepless entries and hallways; more spacious bathrooms with modern, easy-access showers; and clever use of space.

Get a copy of the Build for Life Guide and other information about accessible homes from [www.buildforlife.com.au](http://www.buildforlife.com.au)



- 1 Wide, slip-resistant path to main entrance
- 2 No step at the front door
- 3 Wider doorways and hallways
- 4 Bathroom and toilet on the ground level that someone with limited mobility or in a wheelchair can use
- 5 Stronger walls that can have grabrails installed if needed
- 6 Easy-access frameless shower or floor slab that allows one to be installed
- 7 Extra circulation space between benches
- 8 Light switches at door-handle height; power points away from corners
- 9 D-pull or lever style door handles at 900 mm-1100 mm above floor
- 10 Level car parking space at least 3500 mm wide

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## The checklist

This checklist is designed to help you make the best decision about your accessibility needs now and in the future.

ACCESS LEVEL	INACCESSIBLE	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<b>PATH</b>	Obstructed path from street to door	Clear path from street to front door. No steps unless the site is steep.	1000-1200mm wide clear, slip resistant path from street to main entrance. Pathways slope 1:20, Ramp grades between 1:14 and 1:20	<p>These properties will have a variety of features specifically designed to accommodate particular disabilities or mobility limitations.</p> <p>These are described in Australian Standard 1428 – Design for Access and Mobility series and 4299 – Adaptable Housing which are available online at: <a href="http://infostore.saiglobal.com/store/">http://infostore.saiglobal.com/store/</a> and enter 'Australian Standard 1428' or 'Australian Standard 4299' in the search engine.</p>
<b>ENTRY</b>	Steps leading to entry	Level entry	Sheltered entry with threshold no higher than 5mm. If threshold must exceed 5mm, provide ramp with maximum gradient 1:8.	
<b>DOORWAY</b>	Narrow doorway and halls	Wider doorways and halls	Doorway with 850mm minimum clear opening and 1000mm hall. 1200mm between walls with doorways or changes of direction	
<b>BATHROOM</b>	Toilet and bathroom located upstairs	Toilet suitable for person with limited mobility on the entry level.	Accessible or adaptable toilet, shower and basin at entry level. Minimum 2000mm x 1000mm toilet with demountable wall. 2000mm x 2500mm shower and basin area	
<b>WALLS</b>	Walls not strong enough to have grabrails fitted if needed	Reinforced walls in toilet and bathroom to allow future fitting of grab rails	Noggings installed 800-810mm above finished floor for grabrails and 450-460mm above floor for seats or sheet walls 13mm plywood into studs to provide greater flexibility for grabrails	
<b>SHOWER</b>	Shower located above a bath or with a raised shower recess		Grade floor slab to allow stepless shower	
<b>KITCHEN &amp; LAUNDRY</b>	Inadequate space to allow a walking frame or wheelchair		Circulation space of 1550mm between benches	
<b>SWITCHES &amp; POWERPOINTS</b>	Switches and powerpoints at standard heights		Switches fitted 900mm-1100mm above floor. Switches and powerpoints at least 500mm from corners	
<b>DOOR HANDLES</b>	Rounded knob-style handles that are difficult to grasp		D-pull or lever door handles located 900mm-1100mm above floor	
<b>PARKING</b>	Narrow or steeply sloping car parking space		Level space minimum width 3500mm for primary parking space	