

5 Visitability DIYs

Make your home safer and more comfortable for aging loved ones when they visit, while maintaining a focus on appeal.

Lighting

- Exterior. All points of access into the home should be well lit. Replace incandescent bulbs with LEDs or CFLs.
- Install motion activated sensors at the back door, garage, basement, and hallways.

Fixtures

- Install toggle light switches or motion sensors.
- Replace knobs with levers on doors and faucets.

Visual Cues

- Use contrasting colors for landings on stairways and at the end of hallways.
- Hang artwork or photos at eye level along both sides of hallways or stairways.
- Install strip lighting under kitchen cabinets, and along base boards in the kitchen and bathroom.

1st Floor Bath or Powder Room

- Install an elevated toilet seat or chair height commode.
- Install grab bar(s) next to the toilet (attractive designs ARE available!)

Clear and Declutter

- Make sure all doormats, rugs and runners are secured to the floor. Remove tripping hazards.

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