



UNIVERSAL DESIGN RESOURCES

[Independent for Life: Homes and Neighborhoods for an Aging America](#) Edited by Henry Cisneros, Margaret Dyer-Chamberlain, and Jane Hickie, University of Texas Press, 2012

This publication covers a wide range of smart solutions, including remodeling current housing and building new homes for accessibility and safety, retrofitting existing neighborhoods to connect needed services and amenities, and planning new communities that work well for people of all ages and provides lists of essential resources, including a detailed to-do list of aging in place priorities and an individual home assessment.

[Model Universal Design Ordinance \(AB 2787\)](#) – California Department of Housing and Community Development. 2005.

This ordinance was created in response to Assembly Bill 2787 (Chapter 726 of Statutes of 2002) adopted Section 17959 of the Health & Safety Code which require the California Department of Housing and Community Development to develop and certify one or more model universal design ordinances applicable to new construction and alterations for voluntary adoption by local governments.

[Universal Design Ordinance - The Sacramento City Council](#) (adopted on February 16, 2010). *The ordinance requires single family home builders to provide universal design features as an option available to buyers. Single-family and two-family developments of 20 units or more will need to offer basic universal design features to make homes more accessible. The ordinance took effect on August 16, 2010. Universal design features – such as grab bars, no step entries, and wider doorways – are now required in at least one model in a subdivision.*

[City of Tucson AZ - City of Tucson AZ Inclusive Design Ordinance 10463](#)

[City of Tucson AZ Inclusive Home Design Ordinance - Synthesis and Summary](#)

[Minimum Universal Design Requirements for New Construction using Affordable Housing Trust Funds from the City of St. Louis](#), 2004, Revised 2008

[“Integrating Planning and Public Health: Tools and Strategies to Create Healthy Places”](#)

American Planning Association; Planning Advisory Service; Report # 539/540

Marya Morris, AICP, Editor. 2006

[The Missing Middle](#) *Missing Middle Housing is a transformative concept that highlights a time-proven and beloved way to provide more housing and more housing choices in sustainable, walkable places.*

[AARP Guide to Revitalizing Your Home-Beautiful Living for the Second Half of Life](#) by Rosemary Bakker

Lark Books- A Division of Sterling Publishing Co, NY/London 2010

This guide offers information to help assess your current home to determine if universal design solutions can transform it into a home for a lifetime.

[AARP Home Fit Guide](#)

This guide offers information and tips to keep your home in top form for comfort, safety and livability.

[American Society of Landscape Architects](#)

The website of the American Society of Landscape Architects

[American Society of Interior Design – Home for a Lifetime](#)

This website offers a helpful resource for interior designers on aging design issues, marketing strategies and other useful resources.

[Houses that Work For Life!](#)

Lisa Sandlin, 2009, Booksurge Publishing

A Guide to creating homes that provide security, comfort, and empowerment for all generations.

[National Association of Homebuilders – Aging in Place Certification](#)

This website provides details on the Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS) designation program that teaches the technical, business management and customer service skills essential to competing in the fastest growing segment of the residential remodeling industry: home modifications for those aging in place.

[National Association of Homebuilders – Universal Design Essentials](#)

This webpage outlines the NAHB course that shows how to achieve successful integration of Universal Design as part of far more single-family residential construction projects (new construction as well as remodeling, affordable to luxury). The concepts discussed in this course will enable industry professionals to produce marketable projects that support the changing needs of clients over their lifetime.

[The Accessible Home: Designing for All Ages & Abilities](#) by Deborah Pierce

Taunton Press, 2012

This guide offers help to aging boomers, or those faced with disabilities, accomplish home accessibility on a deeper level — leading readers through the steps of universal design, from hiring the right architect to creating a pleasing space. Includes 25 case studies.

[The Accessible Life – Making Architecture Work for You](#)

A web-based consortium of individuals, designers, craftsman, healthcare professionals and manufacturers pooling their resources to improve the quality of life for the mobility impaired through universal design in residential settings.

[Building For Boomers: Guide to Design and Construction](#) by Judy Schriener and Mike Kephart
McGraw Hill, 2010 *This resource provides the latest housing data, options, and trends to help you plan, design, and construct homes and communities to meet the requirements and expectations of aging baby boomers.*

[Expanding Implementation of Universal Design and Visitability Features in Housing Stock](#)

By Shannon Guzman, AARP Public Policy Institute; Janet Viveiros, National Housing Conference; and Emily Salomon, Formerly with National Housing Conference, 2017

Inclusive Housing: A Pattern Book, Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access,
W.W. Norton, 2010

Covers development schemes, home design features, and universal floor plans.

[Innovative Solutions for Universal Design \(isUD\)](#)

The website of isUD.

[The RL Mace Universal Design Institute \(UDI\)](#)

The website of the RL Mace Universal Design Institute.

[Better Living Design Institute \(BLD\)](#)

Great ongoing publishing on accessible design, universal design, and aging in place. The BLDI has a special focus on one to three family housing.

[Universal Design as a Rehabilitation Strategy: Design for the Ages](#) by Jon A. Sanford, Springer Publishing,
2012

This book offers a resource for rehabilitation engineers, design and building professionals, rehabilitation counselors, gerontologists, psychologists, and other health professionals, and covers the significance and impact of universal design as a change agent for social and health movements. It emphasizes how the use of universal design can promote increased performance and participation for the aging population and people with disabilities, while mitigating the stigma and segregation that often characterize traditional rehabilitation design strategies.

[Universal Design-Creating Inclusive Environments](#) by Edward Steinfeld and Jordana L. Maisel
John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 2012

This book introduces designers to the principles and practice of designing for all people. From the foundations of accessibility and aging to the practice of designing interiors, products, housing and transportation systems, all aspects of this growing field are explored. It includes best practices examples to demonstrate the value of universal design as both a survey of the field and reference for researchers.

[Universal Design Handbook: Second Edition](#) by Wolfgang F. E. Preiser and Korydon Smith, McGraw Hill, 2011

This handbook provides examples of global standards and design solutions, and covers the full scope of universal design, discussing how to develop media, products, buildings, and infrastructure for the widest range of human needs, preferences, and functioning.

[Universal Design for the Home](#) by Wendy A. Jordan
Quarry Press, 2008.

This book features a blend of beautiful projects, creative ideas, and substantive planning information. Highly visual, the book features projects showing room contexts, as well as detail shots. The mix of projects encompasses small and large houses; one-story and multi-story houses; and ideas for general accessibility and comfort as well as some targeted more directly at handicap accessibility. There is an emphasis on remodeled projects, but new homes designed with an eye toward accessibility -- present and future -- are included as well.

[Universal Design – Principles and Models](#) by Roberta Null, CRC Press, 2013.

This book helps readers understand how the principles of Universal Design can be used to evaluate all products and places by showing Best Practice examples and explaining why they are universally designed. It presents a variety of users/groups in different situations and then shows design directives for meeting their needs. It includes both commercial and residential design.