Housing Visitability

All ground floor units must be visitable to the maximum extent feasible, unless doing so would impose an undue financial burden on the project. A visitable design provides that new single-family homes, duplexes, and triplexes are more accessible and usable to person with disabilities.

Housing units built to visitable standards have features that allow a person using a wheelchair or other mobility device to visit without any special assistance, and are more easily modified should a resident need adaptations in the future.

Visitability Definition

A new single family home, duplex, or triple unit housing:

• No-step/zero grade entrance with a 36" door into the unit's main floor (at least one)
• Minimum 32" clear space opening in interior doorways
• Minimum 36" wide hallways
• First floor bathroom which allows for wheelchair access (while maintaining privacy)
• Reinforcement in bathroom walls to permit future installation of grab bars
• Modification in location of light switches, electrical outlets, and environmental controls