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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

*For structures built with four or more housing units, the Fair Housing Act Design Manual applies. See these links for design information:

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/publications/PDF/FAIRHOUSING/fairfull.pdf>

www.fairhousingfirst.org