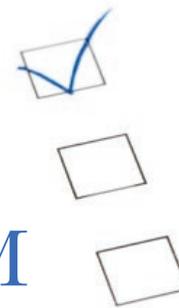


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# A CHECKLIST FOR A SAFE & ACCESSIBLE BATHROOM

*(Give this to your Contractor!)*



You'll want to use this checklist if you're looking to create a safe and accessible bathroom. It's not difficult to modify your bathroom for greater accessibility, but you want to make sure you do it right. Here are some items to consider:

## SPECIFIC BATHROOM ITEMS:

- Swing-out doors to accommodate easy wheelchair entry
- Non-slip floors for safety
- Grab bars for easier transfers and to maintain balance
- Reinforced walls (i.e. 3/4" plywood backing throughout) for installation of grab bars
- 5' square clear area (required for most wheelchair users to make a 360 degree turn). Since many wheelchair users can function in smaller areas, measure exact clear floor space if less than 5'
- Chair-height racks/shelves/cabinets
- Lever handled faucets

- Lowered or tilted mirror
- Roll-under vanity top
- Hinged, fold-down seat in shower
- Roll-in shower with no curb
- Hand-held or adjustable shower head
- Bathtub with nonskid strips or surface
- Half-Height Caregiver Doors
- Toilet seat 17" - 19" from floor; or wall mounted toilet

\*Note: Chair-height is defined as how far a person using a wheelchair can reach. Using a front approach, chair-height for a person using a wheelchair is approximately 48 inches. Using a parallel approach, chair-height is about 54 inches.

When engaging a contractor to make home modifications, consumers should check their references and look for specific home modification experience. A contractor who is certified in home modifications is the best selection for an accessibility solution.

Consumers considering a bathroom modification can contact United Disabilities Services Home Modification Division for consultation at 1.888.428.0240 or visit the eStore at <http://estore.udservices.org>.



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