

Accessibility



When you're looking at properties to rent or buy, there are lots of things to consider. Use this checklist to help you work out how well the property suits your needs.

	Required	Currently available	Possible to adapt
Access			
Ground floor property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Direct access to the property (rather than a communal entrance)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All doorways at least 80cm wide (this should allow for wheelchair access)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hallway at least 90cm wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Property on one level	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ramped access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
External stairlift or wheelchair lift	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General accessibility			
Usable handles and locks on doors and windows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sockets and switches within reach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
'Smart Home' system, for controlling lighting, heating and electrical equipment remotely	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contrasting colour scheme for improved visibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Door entry intercom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internal stairlift or wheelchair lift	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lowered worktops	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessible taps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plenty of surface space, leaving room for kitchen aids such as a kettle tipper or jar stabiliser	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bathroom and toilet			
Ground floor bathroom or toilet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wheelchair accessible toilet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wet room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessible bath (with hoist, side door, handrails, seat, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessible shower (with seat, handrails, roll-in access, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking			
Garage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roadside parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Designated disabled parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No steps or other barriers between the parking area and the entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garden			
Level or ramped access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Location			
Adequate healthcare facilities nearby (GPs surgery, health centre, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Convenient, accessible public transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suitable support services available	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>