



BUILDING A VISITABLE HOME IN WINNIPEG

For more information:

■ On obtaining a building permit please contact:

Zoning & Permits Branch
Planning, Property and
Development Department
PH: (204) 986-5140
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■ On lot grading requirements and approvals please contact:

Water and Waste Customer
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■ On approaches and standard construction specifications contact:

Public Works
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■ On financial assistance available:

Winnipeg Housing Policy
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FAX: (204) 940-3077

■ For general information contact:

Universal Design Coordinator
PH: (204) 986-2131

This publication has been designed to provide basic information for builders, developers, and citizens in Winnipeg who are interested in the design of Visitable housing.

What is a “Visitable” Home?

A “Visitable” home is one that allows basic and essential access to both residents and visitors who experience difficulties with steps because of mobility limitations.

Visitable Design Features

A residence incorporating minimum visitable design features would include:

- ◆ One level, no-step entrance minimum 36 inches (91.4 centimetres) wide — on an accessible route
- ◆ Wider doorways minimum of 32 inches (81.3 centimetres) clear passage throughout
- ◆ A wheelchair accessible bathroom on the main floor

What should the Developer/Homebuilders Consider?

When building, renovating, repairing or rehabilitating a building or structure, developers, architects, and homebuilders alike need to reference regulatory construction requirements prescribed by City of Winnipeg By-laws and the Manitoba Building Code for complete requirements, including building permits, electrical or plumbing permits, lot grading by-law and approach regulations.

General considerations may include:

- ◆ Addressing drainage issues, provide run-off of storm water to waste water systems and prevent flooding.
- ◆ Flexibility in desired square footage to accommodate specific design requirements.
- ◆ Appropriate lot size and configuration to accommodate a larger floor plate.
- ◆ Retention of a landscape architect to address aesthetic preferences and retention of a professional engineer to address lot grade requirements.

