

INSIDE THE HOME:

Table 12: Door and Corridor Widths in Elderly (Category 1 & 2) Housing

Door 'clear' Opening Width 0mm		Corridor/Passageway Width
Elderly	800mm -	
Internal	750mm or wider 900mm 750mm 775mm	900mm (when approach is head-on) 900mm (when approach is not head-on) 1200mm (when approach is not head-on) 1050mm (when approach is not head on)
<p>[Note: * <i>There should be a 300 mm clear space at the leading edge of the doors</i> * <i>No door saddles to internal doors</i> * <i>Door handles and locks fitted at appropriate height, i.e. 900mm-1000mm.</i>]</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be a 1500mm diameter clear turning circle or 1700mm x 1400mm ellipse for wheelchairs in kitchens, dining areas and living rooms and adequate circulation space for wheelchair users elsewhere as a minimum. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be a wheelchair accessible bathroom with a level-deck shower or bath provided. If a bath is provided drainage and service provision should be made for the possible future replacement by a shower. • The bathroom should be designed to incorporate ease of access to the bath/shower, WC, wash basin and fittings. • The design should provide for a reasonable route for a potential hoist from a main bedroom to the bathroom. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walls in bathrooms and toilets should be capable of taking handholds. Doors to bathrooms should be outward opening and be fitted with special locks that can be opened from the outside. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baths should be flat bottomed and have a slip resistant surface. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shower compartments should have space for a freestanding or wall mounted seat (the floor should be slip resistant and the shower thermostatically controlled). 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen fittings and equipment arranged to permit economic and efficient use. Worktop height between 800mm – 900mm and the maximum height for shelves 1450mm. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In additions to kitchen fitments space should also be provided for a cooker not under or immediately adjacent to a window. Two further appliance spaces should be provided one for a tall refrigerator and one for a washing machine where this is not allowed for elsewhere. The necessary electrical and plumbing provision should accompany kitchen equipment and appliance spaces. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A swivel tap provided at the sink.
Fixtures and Fittings:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Living room window glazing should begin 800mm or lower and windows should be easy to open/operate.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sockets and Controls should be placed at a height between 600mm and 1200mm from the floor with light switches at approximately 1000mm.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fully automatic heating system and controls.

Supported Housing (Accessible Criteria) – the above criteria will normally suffice for this type of housing, but may need to take account of special space and facility requirements need by some tenants, including multi-wheelchair user environments:
