

Visitability and Visitability+ Program Requirements

The following items are required to earn certification for Visitability and/or Visitability+ designations. This checklist must be submitted with your building permit application, and the completed inspection checklist must be verified as part of your final Certificate of Occupancy/Completion Checklist. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all the criteria are met by the time of the final inspection.

Plan Review (Provided)	VISITABILITY CHECKLIST	Final Inspection (Completed)
NO STEP ENTRANCE (FIGURE A)		
	No Step Path - Entry shall be on an accessible, barrier-free route with a hard surface, a minimum net clear width of 36 inches. The No Step Path shall have an elevation change of not greater than 1:8 for 1-3 dwelling structures, 1:12 for 4 dwelling structures. Access may be provided by a code compliant ramp as specified by the Ohio Building Code, from the driveway or public way to the No-Step Entrance.	
	Entry Landing - Minimum of 25 sq. ft. space (e.g., a landing) outside the entry door. Landing shall measure a minimum of 48 inches on one side and be clear of obstructions and door swing. Square footage requirement is for landing, not including square footage of access walk or ramp. Landing shall be level, allowing for positive drainage away from entry.	
	No Step Entrance - Minimum of one accessible no-step entrance having a 32 inch net clear width door (minimum), and lever-style handle. Maximum threshold of 0.5 inch high.	
VISITABLE PATH - INTERIOR HALLWAYS AND DOORWAYS AND HALLWAYS (FIGURE B)		
	An Interior No Step Path, including a Hallway, must be a minimum of 36 inches wide.	
	All interior doorways, between the entry, Central Gathering Place and all required accessible rooms, shall have a minimum width of 32 inch and lever-style handles.	
VISITABLE PATH AND ACCESSIBLE ROOM REQUIREMENTS (FIGURE C)		
	An Interior No Step Path is required between the Entry, and all required accessible rooms.	
	Central Gathering Space (e.g., living room, family room, etc.) is required, providing a minimum of 25 square feet of space clear of obstructions and any door swings.	
	Minimum of one Visitable Bathroom as specified below.	
VISITABLE BATHROOM (FIGURE D)		
	A Visitable Bathroom shall provide a toilet and sink, tub/shower optional, on main floor or upper floor if elevator accessible.	
	Provide ample, clear floor space (30 in x 48 in minimum) at fixture to ensure maneuverability at lavatories, toilets, and tub/showers.	
	Clear Floor Space – All required clear floor spaces for each fixture may overlap with other fixtures in the room. The clear area for lavatories and tubs shall be free from all wall projections, tub, shower, toilet, or lavatory base.	
	Toilet – Toilet shall be centered a minimum of 18 inches from any corner wall, base cabinet, or tub. The toilet shall have an adjacent 30 in. x 48 in. clear floor space. Comfort height toilet which is ADA compliant (added to general notes on plan)	
	Faucets – Anti-scald faucets with lever handles for all sinks, bathtubs, and showers.	
VISITABILITY+ CHECKLIST		
	All Visitability Checklist criteria satisfied above	
ACCESSIBLE BEDROOM AND ACCESSIBLE FULL BATHROOM REQUIREMENTS (FIGURE E)		
	Minimum of one accessible bedroom required, providing No Step Path to closet and a 48 in. x 56 in. clear floor space adjacent to bed. Provide Interior No Step Path between the Entry, Central Gathering Space, Accessible Full Bathroom and Accessible Bedroom.	
	Minimum of one accessible full bathroom (toilet, sink, tub/shower) is required on the main floor or upper floor if elevator accessible is required. Provide Interior No Step Path between the Entry, Central Gathering Space, Accessible Full Bathroom and Accessible Bedroom.	
	Tub/Shower Features – A tub/shower shall have a 30 in. x 48 in. clear floor space adjacent to the facility. Provide adjustable-height showerhead or hand-held showerhead with flexible hose and easy operable controls and ADA compliant offset valves on the showers and tubs.	
	Grab Bars - Install two grab bars, or their equivalent, for the toilet and tub/shower that meet lengths and height above floor requirements illustrated in Figure E.	
	Electric Controls – Rocker or touch switches for lighting and fans located maximum 48 in. from floor.	
	Door and Cabinet Hardware – Use of levers and easy-grasp pulls which are ADA compliant.	

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Requirements for Visitability and Universal Design Standards

(Utilize Checklist and Figures A-D)

FIGURE A - NO STEP ENTRANCE

(A) No Step Entrance: The dwelling unit must provide at least one “No Step Entrance”. The required No Step Entrance must be visitable from the driveway or public way via a Visitable Path. “No Step” means no greater than a one-half inch (1/2”) elevation change unless access is provided using a code compliant ramp under the Residential Code of Ohio or Ohio Building Code, as applicable.

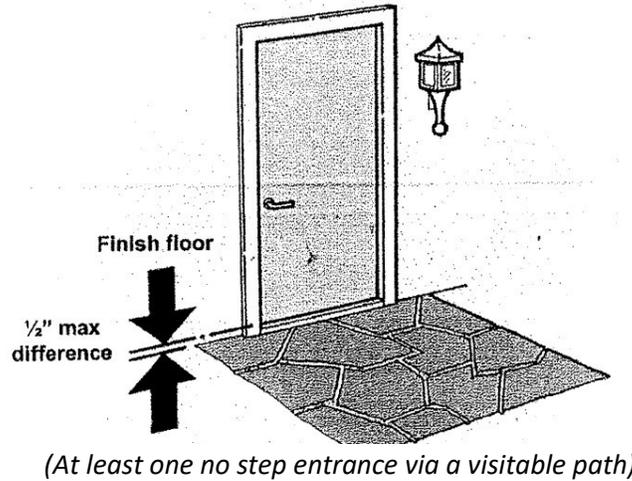
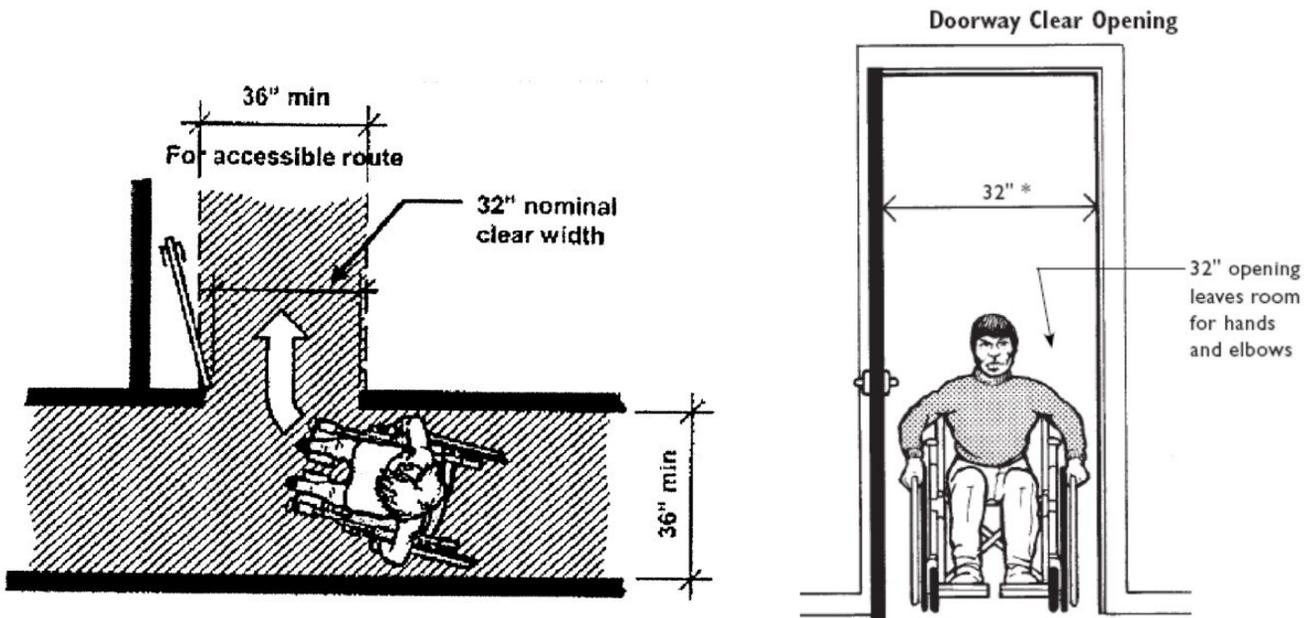


FIGURE B – INTERIOR DOORWAYS AND HALLWAYS

B. Visitable Path. All hallways and corridors from the No Step Entrance to the central gathering place of the residence (e.g., great room, living room, or family room) (The “Central Gathering Place”) and the Visitable Bathroom must be Visitable Paths. A “Visitable Path” means a No Sept Plat of travel with a continuous minimum net clear width of at least thirty-six inches (36”).

C. Doors/Openings. All Doors and Openings Along the Visitable Path between the No Step Entrance, the Central Gathering Place, and the Visitable Bathroom shall have a minimum net clear width of thirty-two inches (32”).

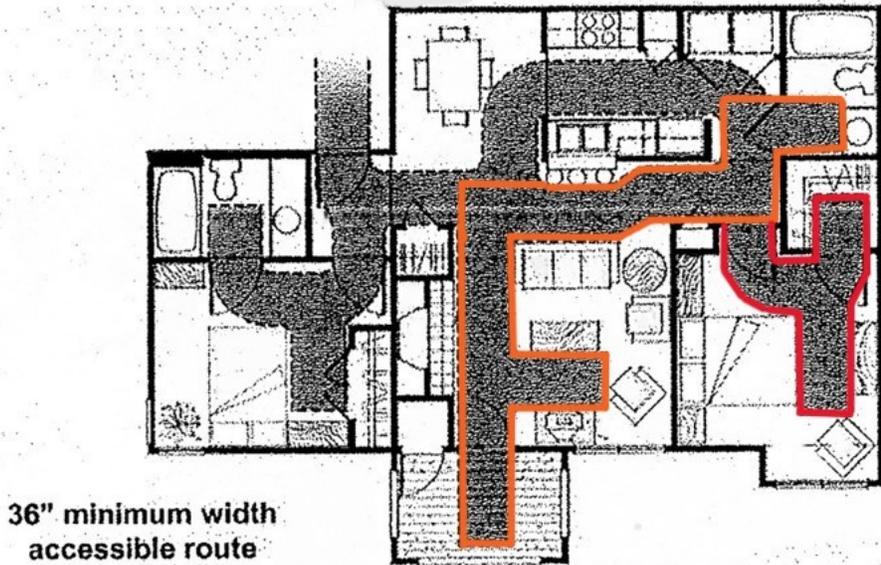


(Doors and openings along the visitable route shall have a minimal net clear width of 32")

FIGURE C – VISITABLE PATH AND ACCESSIBLE ROOM REQUIREMENTS

Visitability minimally requires access between the No Step Entrance, Central Gathering Place and Visitable Bathroom (orange highlighted path).

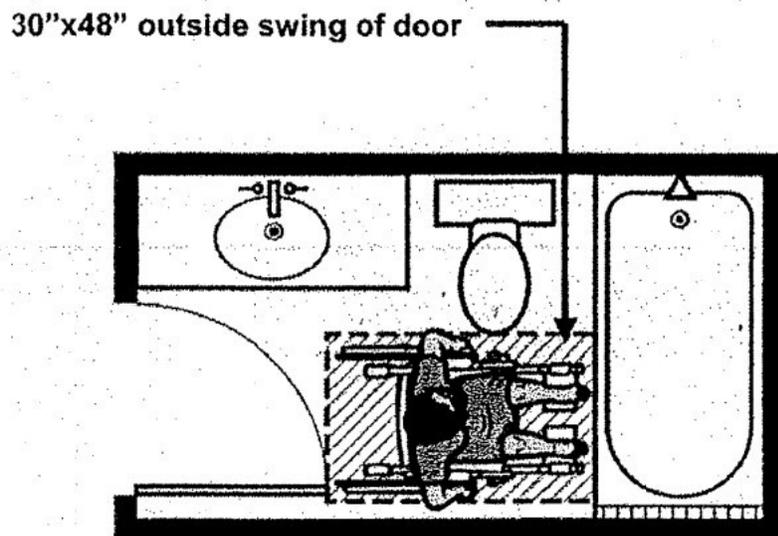
Visitability+ additionally requires access to Accessible Bedroom (orange and red highlighted path).



(Hallways and corridors from the No Step Entrance to the Central Gathering Place and Visitable Bathroom are at least 36" wide.)

FIGURE D – VISITABLE BATHROOM

(D) Visitable Bath – There shall be at least one Visitable Bathroom located on a Visitable Path between the Central Gathering Place and the No Step Entrance. “Visitable Bathroom” means a full bathroom, half bathroom, or powder room having a clear floor space of at least thirty inches by forty-eight inches (30” x 48”).



Requirements for Visitability+

(Utilize Checklist and Figures A-E)

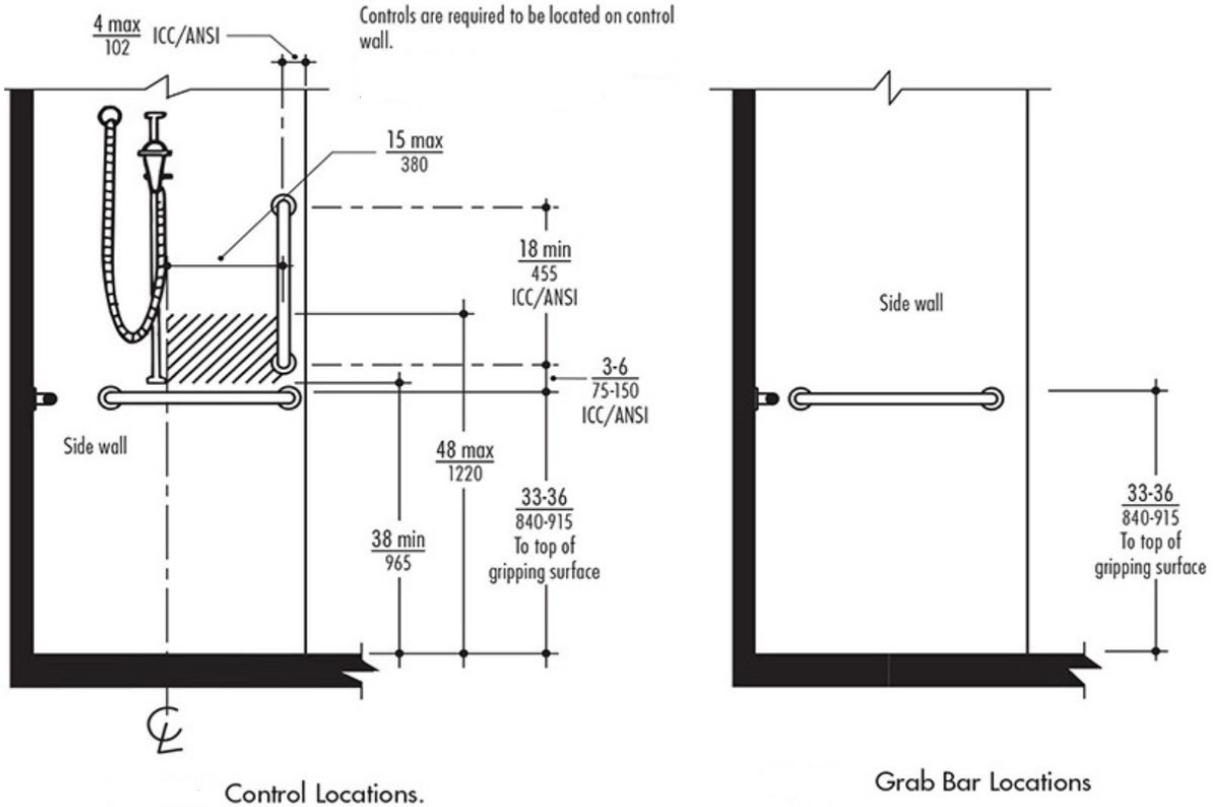
- A. Must meet Cincinnati Visitability and Universal Design Standards to be eligible for Visitability+; and
- B. A minimum of one accessible bedroom and one accessible full bathroom on the ground floor or elevator accessible). Examples of features or options for an accessible full bathroom are below.

FIGURE E

Further detailed guidance and additional optional accommodations can be found at the following website:

<https://www.huduser.gov/publications/pdf/remodel.pdf>

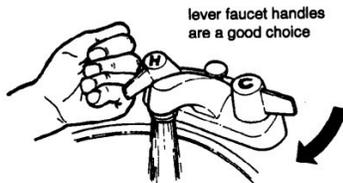
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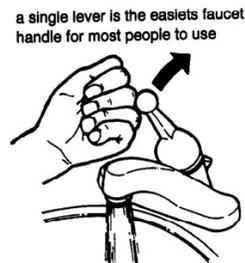
Lavatory Faucet Features

Cabinet Handle Features

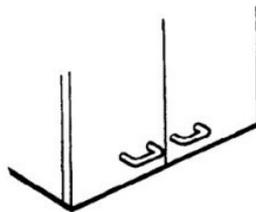
Door Handle Features



Lever Faucet Handles



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Loop Handles Horizontally Mounted



Lever Handle



Loop Handle

lever and large loop handles are easiest to use with one hand

Tub Features and Grab Bars

