

NATIONAL CONTACTS - HOME ACCESSIBILITY, UNIVERSAL DESIGN, VISITABILITY

Adaptive Environments Center. See **Institute for Human Centered Design.**

AARP. Information and publications on home safety and universal design. (Select “Family and Home” section under “Home Design” in the “Topics” menu.) www.aarp.org

Ball State University, Muncie, IN. Two sites by faculty in the design and nursing departments – one with a range of information and resources on home modifications, the other with information on home modifications for persons with Alzheimer’s.
www.bsu.edu/wellcomehome/ www.bsu.edu/web/nursing/alzhome

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). Canada's national housing agency, has provided considerable technical assistance for many years on home accessibility modifications, "healthy" housing, "flex-housing" (Canadian term for home universal design). Useful seniors' home accessibility remodeling guides in the “Consumer” section. www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca

Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access (IDEA), State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo, School of Architecture and Planning. Information and publications on accessibility, universal and visitable design issues. A “Bright Ideas” section highlights innovative products and design. Hosts international (predominantly US) Web listservs on home accessibility modifications (in cooperation with the National Center on Supportive Housing and Home Modification, University of Southern California) and visitability. www.ap.buffalo.edu/idea

Center for Universal Design (CUD), North Carolina State University. Extensive information and publications (some online) on a range of accessibility and universal design issues. www.design.ncsu.edu/cud

Concrete Change. Advocacy group in Atlanta, GA, that created/promotes the concepts of “visitability” and “Easy-Living Home.” www.concretechange.org

Easter Seals Society. Information on “Easy Access Housing” developed in cooperation with Century 21 Realty – virtual tour, housing tips, brochures, expert panel. (Go to “Easter Seals Information” on the home page, select “Making Life Accessible.” On that page, select “Easy Access Housing.”) www.easter-seals.com

EasyLiving Home. Voluntary state/local certification program promoting more inclusive home design by incorporating visitable features. www.easylivinghome.org

Institute for Human Centered Design (formerly known as **Adaptive Environments**). Boston-based nonprofit promoting design for people across the age and ability spectrum. Good background on universal design, its principles, history, resource

bibliography on its website. www.adaptiveenvironments.org

Iowa State University, University Extension. Information and resources on universal design and home accessibility – definitions, design ideas, products and equipment, laws and regulations, resources prepared by ISU. Onsite “Universal Design Learning Laboratory” available for touring. www.extension.iastate.edu/universaldesign

Lighting Research Center, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, School of Architecture. Look under “Publications” for information on lighting and universal design and information on the aging eye and lighting resource needs (“Lighting the Way: A Key to Independence”). www.lrc.rpi.edu/researchAreas/residential.asp

National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Research Center. Universal design information available in the “Toolbase/Home Building Topics” section. www.toolbase.org

National Assistive Technology Technical Assistance Partnership (NATTAP), Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America (RESNA). Information on assistive technology and home modifications, laws and guidelines, visitability legislation, housing initiatives of various states’ assistive technology programs, financing resources. www.resna.org/content/index.php?pid=138

National Resource Center on Supportive Housing and Home Modification, Andrus Gerontology Center/ University of Southern California. Extensive information and publications on home accessibility and universal design - bibliography, national directory of home modification resources, online library of publications, Web links to many resources/organizations in the field. Offers an online home accessibility remodeling executive certificate program. (Site is for Andrus and links with the National Center.) www.homemods.org

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA). Information on accessibility codes and accessible home design. (Select “Accessible Design” on the home page.) www.pva.org

R. L. Mace Institute of Universal Design. North Carolina nonprofit advancing the work of Ron L. Mace, the US architect who was one of the earliest practitioners in the accessibility field, and later fostered the concept of universal design. www.udinstitute.org

Transgenerational Housing Matters. Site promoting design in consumer products and environments to promote aging in place. Background provided on demographics, aging’s physical changes, design guidelines, photo gallery. www.transgenerational.org

Universal Designers Consultants. Company promoting universal design through assessments, training, home design development, industry newsletter. Owner’s “Home for the Next 50 Years” showcases features and products. www.UniversalDesign.com

Visitability Canada. Resources for the campaign in Canada to promote this core design approach. www.visitablehousingcanada.com