

# VISITABILITY=

# HOME FOR LIFE LOWER COSTS INDEPENDENCE

## What is Visitability?

Visitability is a growing trend in the design of single-family homes and neighborhoods that welcome people of all ages and abilities.

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Sometimes referred to as ‘zero-step construction,’ ‘homes for life,’ or Easy Living Home<sup>®</sup>, Visitability means designing homes with three simple features:

- One zero-step entry
- A 32” entry and passage through the main floor
- A bathroom on the main floor usable by someone in a wheelchair

## What does Visitability look like?

**Visitability is invisible.** A home built to visitability standards doesn’t stand out or differ from any other home. Even when you enter the home, you won’t notice the features until you need them. **No ramps, no special fixtures,** just a home you can live in as long as you want.

## Who needs Visitability?

We’re all either seniors or seniors-in-training—if we’re lucky. And we all have a friend, family member, neighbor or co-worker with what’s known as a ‘functional mobility disability.’ In fact, the CDC estimates more than 1 in 10 Idahoans can’t navigate stairs easily, safely, or at all.

## How much does Visitability cost?

*Here’s the best part.* When homes are designed up front to be VISIBLE, there’s **little or no net cost increase** from an inaccessible home with steps at every entry. Ideally, the architect and site preparation make it easy to include a zero-step entry at the front, side, or rear door, or a doorway between the garage and living space.

## Why should I care?

Disability doesn’t care how we vote, what we believe, or who we are. Injury, illness, or aging can force us to make costly modifications or leave a home and neighborhood on short notice. The costs of housing barriers to us all—individuals, families, and taxpayers—are immense.

Learn more @ [idahoaccessproject.org](http://idahoaccessproject.org)

## HOME FOR LIFE



**Aging in Place.** 9 in 10 Americans want to stay in our homes and neighborhoods as we age. Visitability makes that possible.

## LOWER COSTS



**Visitability adds value—without adding cost.** Simple design features save money, stress and time over later modifications.

## INDEPENDENCE



**Independent living made possible.** VISIBLE homes and neighborhoods create more mobility, freedom, and productivity.