

When you're looking at properties to rent or buy, there are lots of things to consider. Use this checklist to help you work out how well the property suits your needs.

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## Access



- Ground floor property
- Direct access to the property (rather than communal)
- All doorways at least 80cm wide (for wheelchair access). Hallway at least 90cm wide
- Property on one level
- Ramped access
- External stairlift or wheelchair lift
- Grab rails outside front door
- Sockets and switches within reach
- 'Smart Home' system, for controlling lighting, heating and electrical equipment remotely
- Contrasting colour scheme for improved visibility
- Door entry intercom
- Internal stairlift or wheelchair lift
- Stair bannister hand rails

## General accessibility



- Are handles/locks useable and at the right height?

## Kitchen



- Lowered worktops
- Accessible taps
- Plenty of surface space, leaving room for kitchen aids such as a kettle tipper or jar stabilizer

## Bathroom and toilet



- Ground floor bathroom or toilet
- Wheelchair accessible toilet
- Wet room
- Accessible bath (ie with hoist, side door, handrails, seat)
- Accessible shower (ie with seat, handrails, roll-in access)

## Parking



- Garage
- Drive
- Roadside parking
- Designated disabled parking
- No steps or other barriers between parking and entrance

## Garden



- Level or ramped access
- Grab rails to access garden

## Location



- Near GP surgery, health centre, hospital etc.
- Convenient, accessible public transport
- Suitable support services available
- Near day centres, lunch clubs etc.

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