

Table 8: Housing for Older People (Category 1 & Category 2) – General Requirements

Door 'clear 'Opening Width		Corridor/Passageway Width
External	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 1800mm diameter clear turning circle for wheelchairs in kitchens, dining areas and living rooms and adequate circulation space for wheelchair users elsewhere as a minimum. Refer to wheelchair standards for additional information. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be a wheelchair accessible bathroom with a level-deck shower or bath provided. Drawings should indicate that when a shower is provided, an 1800mm turning circle can be accommodated. This turning circle may overlap the level access shower. If a bath is provided drainage and service provision should be made for the possible future replacement by a shower. Refer to wheelchair standards for additional information. • 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. 		

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<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. 	