Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WES MOORE
Governor
ARUNA MILLER
Lt. Governor
JACOB R. DAY
Secretary
OWEN McEVOY
Deputy Secretary

Recommended Accessibility Features for Units with Section 811 PRA and/or Weinberg funds

Congratulations! Your project has been awarded Section 811 PRA funds and/or Weinberg funds. The following accessibility recommendations are based on historical data gathered by the Maryland Department of Disabilities, the Maryland Department of Health, and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

1. Elevator building (possible units on the 1st level, in case of emergencies and elevator malfunction)
2. Automatic entrances (some individuals have a difficult time or cannot push the automatic door push plate)
3. Wider doorways (entrance, bathroom, bedroom)—some applicants use bariatric wheelchairs and need even wider doorways
4. No carpet—issues with ruining carpet for those using wheelchairs. Vinyl flooring
5. Grab bars in the bathroom—not everyone is right handed so grab bars for those tenants that are left handed would be helpful or something that could be easily changed if a tenant has more strength on one side of their body
6. Roll-in shower would be preferred for most participants; however, shower ramps are also recommended. Shower Ramps (lower than ½ threshold into the shower) can be installed to make getting in and out of the shower a barrier-free experience
7. Pedestal sink or free space under sink in bathroom
8. Stoves with front controls
9. Microwaves on the counter
10. Lower countertops
11. No cabinets/free space under sink in kitchen
12. Drawers and cabinets that were pull handles/U-shaped handles so that it is easier for tenant to grasp
13. Lowered peep hole.

Thank you for furthering affordable housing opportunities for persons with disabilities. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Chelsea Hayman, Deputy Director, Special Population Programs, DHCD. Chelsea can be reached at 301.429.7458 or Chelsea.Hayman1@Maryland.gov.