



AGE-FRIENDLY DESIGN



Homeowners, Architects and Contractors:

When building or remodeling a house, the Town of Los Altos Hills and the City of Los Altos encourage including Age-Friendly Design Elements that incorporate universal accessibility features. Age-Friendly Design Elements make houses safer and easier to use for persons who are aging or have certain activity limitation or disabilities. These Age-Friendly Design Elements include but are not limited to:

- An accessible route of travel from the sidewalk or street to the primary entrance with graded surfaces and no steps to the entry if possible. Or depending on the desired design and topography of the site at least one accessible secondary access to the dwelling;
- Thirty-six inch wide doors with low threshold heights;
- Wide halls and an accessible travel routes to the kitchen, bedroom, bathroom and common rooms;
- Adequate work and floor space at appliances;
- Adequate maneuvering space in bathrooms; and
- Minimum or no thresholds in at least one shower with appropriate drainage as required by the Building Department.

Please contact your architect, contractor or your local building department for more information.

The Town of Los Altos Hills Planning & Building Department: 650-941-7222
The City of Los Altos Building Division: 650-947-2752

References

Health & Safety Code 17959.6

California Department of Housing and Community Development
(www.hcd.ca.gov/shl/AB1400.html)

Chapter 11A of the California Building Code (Title 24, California Code of Regulations, Part 2)