

AHF's Design Criteria

1. All homes listed as **accessible** with the AHF will meet or exceed these listed requirements (which have been taken from the *Design Requirements of the Fair Housing Accessible Guidelines*):
 - A. At least one no-step entry with a slope no greater than 1 in 12. Door threshold ½" high maximum, or ¾" high with bevels no steeper than 1 in 2. All doors on main level will have a minimum 32" **clear opening**, preferably 36" doors with a 34" **clear opening**.
 - B. Halls at least 36" wide.
 - C. All controls, switches and electrical outlets to be a maximum of 48" and minimum of 15" above the floor. Above counters, switches should be 44" above the floor. A 30"x48" clear floor space should be provided for forward or parallel approach at each control.
 - D. All bathrooms on the main floor will have reinforced walls to allow future installation of grab bars. Bathrooms will have a 30"x48" clear floor space by each fixture. Spaces can overlap each other, except spaces cannot overlap door swing. Showers will be a minimum of 36"x36". Toilet will be a minimum of 18" from centerline to one sidewall or fixture and 15" from centerline to other side.
 - E. Kitchens will provide a 30"x48" clear floor space by each appliance or fixture. The minimum clearance between opposing base cabinets is 40". The minimum clearance for a U-shaped kitchen is 60" between base cabinets.
2. Any home will be considered "fully accessible" that meets or exceeds these standards and has at least one bedroom on the main floor (or elevator/lift to the floor with bedrooms). A home will be considered "visitable" if it meets the standards for the doors, halls, and at least one bathroom on the entry level.
3. A builder must have at least one home plan or be willing and able to modify a current plan that meets or exceeds these standards to be listed with AHF.
4. Any builder, developer or community that is 100% "visitable" **AND** at least 30% "fully accessible" will be a **GOLD STAR** member of the Accessible Homes Foundation.