

Resources for Housing Design

Universal design in housing is becoming more popular. Most people want more comfort in their homes. Opening doors with arms full of groceries is as difficult at 30 as it is at 70. More people are living with disabilities. People live longer than they used to. People now realize that they need homes that will grow old with them. And younger people want a home that will take care of them when they are sick or injured. That's where universal design comes in.

The following are some resources that will assist people seeking information about universal design:

The IDEA Center (Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access) at the University of Buffalo is a leader in the field of Visitability, Universal Design, and home modification. More information can be found at this link <https://idea.ap.buffalo.edu/>

The Fall Prevention Center of Excellence, a project of the University of Southern California Leonard Davis School of Gerontology provides a website covering home modification, found at this link <https://homemods.org/>

It is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of aging in place and independent living for persons of all ages and abilities. It is a wealth of information for developers who want to build accessible and supportive housing that promotes healthy, independent living. It is also a resource center for community-based care systems, housing programs, and health services organizations.

Home Innovation Research Labs helps its clients in the residential construction industry overcome barriers to innovation so that they can improve the quality, durability, affordability, and environmental performance of homes and home building products. Home Innovation Research Labs is an independent subsidiary of the National Association of Home Builders. Their information can be found at this link <https://www.nahb.org/nahb-community/member-benefits/expertise/home-innovation-research-labs>