

How can I find a home that may be easier to enter and live in?

In your search for a home you are likely to consider a range of factors, including location, housing style and property size. It may also be worth considering access issues, as the home we live in can have a dramatic effect on our safety, independence and quality of life.

Homes with access features that can make it easier for people to enter and live in are now being promoted by some Brisbane real estate agents.

You will be able to find these properties by looking for the words **'access features'**, where homes for sale or rent are promoted.

Below is an example of how a property with access features might be advertised.

What does it mean when a property is promoted with the words 'access features'?

It means that the listing agent has used a checklist to identify whether the home has the following features:

- At least one entry into the home with no more than three steps. Alternatively, there may even be a ramp, elevator or lift allowing entry into the home.
- From this entry, the kitchen, living room and at least one bedroom, bathroom and toilet will all be on the same level and you will not need to use internal steps or stairs to enter or move between these rooms.

When you contact the listing agent, they may also have the following details:

- Whether the toilet is within the bathroom and if there is a step-free shower.
- The width of the narrowest door (this is the width of the actual door, not the doorway) leading to the rooms mentioned above.

The real estate agent may also have photographs that highlight each of these areas of the home.

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Don't Let This One Slip By!

Set on a 700m² block at the end of a quiet cul de sac. This spacious lowset family home offers **access features**, 4 good sized bedrooms (all with built-ins), main with ensuite and WIR, tiled open plan living area, large kitchen with wide bench tops, separate formal dining and living area...

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How does this help me?

Homes with access features can make it easier for people to enter and live in. Information about particular access features may assist you in your property search, as you can be better informed about the homes you wish to inspect, potentially saving your time and energy.

Promoting Home Access Information

The Queensland Department of Housing is inviting Brisbane real estate agents to participate in a trial to promote home access information. The department and the Real Estate Institute of Queensland launched the trial in mid 2007, and it is expected to run until approximately late 2008.

At the end of the trial, the department will undertake an evaluation to assess whether the project should be extended. The department is interested to hear your opinion on the trial. If you would like further information on the trial or would like to provide feedback for the trial evaluation, please contact the department.

How do I find an agent with Home Access Information?

A full list of participating real estate agents is available on the Department of Housing's website or by contacting the department. See contact details below.

Brisbane real estate agents who identify and promote homes with access features will display the following symbol in their offices and possibly on their websites.



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