

Improve access in your home

Details about products and services

Over 100 ways to improve access at home includes details about where to purchase the items mentioned in the booklet. It also lists contact details for organisations that can provide information or assistance to help you improve access in your home.

Answers to your questions

A dedicated section of the booklet answers some of your frequently asked questions, such as:

- How do I find a qualified builder who has the experience to undertake the modifications I need?
- Who can provide advice on the best products for me?
- Where can I go for financial assistance for home modifications?

It also outlines your rights and responsibilities if you need modifications to your rented home.

Over 100 ways to improve access at home is available on the department's website at:
www.housing.qld.gov.au/homeaccess

Alternatively, please contact the Department of Housing on **1300 880 882** for a free printed copy. This booklet is also available in large print, audio tape or audio CD on request.

If you have difficulty understanding this information, please contact the department on 1300 880 882 and we will arrange to have an interpreter assist you.



Are your safety and independence compromised by common barriers around your home?

Simple solutions can make your home safer and easier to live in.

The Queensland Department of Housing has produced an award winning **Over 100 ways to improve access at home** booklet.

This free booklet provides information on products, services and ideas to improve access in and around your home.

Providing access solutions

In the booklet, you will find solutions that are portable, easy to install or remove and reasonably inexpensive to purchase (compared with major structural modifications).

There are ideas for your entire home—from the bathroom to the backyard.

Simple solutions to common problems



The lock is too close to the door frame

→ Use a built-up key holder to make it easier to put the key in the lock. This is a key with a moulded or larger handle attached to its base. It gives you better grip, good leverage and more length to assist in turning the key.



The pot plants are too low

→ Use a pot plucker. This is a tool that clips onto the pot and allows the pot to be picked up without you having to bend down.



The shelves/hanging rails in cupboards are too high or low

→ Use a long-handled pick-up stick to reach the items you want.



The taps are difficult to turn

→ Attach a removable tap turner to the tap.



The light bulbs are high on the ceiling

→ Use a small plastic device called a globe grabber which is fitted on the end of a long handle (i.e. broom handle). Do not use a globe grabber on cord-suspended light fittings.

