

Additional Resources

- **Remodeling Online**
remodeling.hw.net.
- **National Association of the Remodeling Industry**
nari.org.
- **Home Improvement Information from HUD.gov**
portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/home_improvements.

Quick Picks from the Librarians at the National Rehabilitation Information Center

Information Resources for Universal Design



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Design for everyone

Universal design (UD) is the design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.

This definition was coined by Ron Mace, an architect and pioneer of UD. By integrating the principles of UD into the design process, architects, builders, designers, and engineers ensure the usability of technology and the accessibility of environments.

The agencies and organizations listed in this guide can help you make your home, your office, even your website accessible to everyone.



These and other resources are also available from our “browse by topic” webpage at www.naric.com!

Assistive Technology

ABLEDATA

Toll Free: 800/227-0216 (V), 703/356-8035
TTY: 703/992-8313
abledata.acl.gov/.

Provides computerized searches for assistive devices, products, and equipment, including do-it-yourself options. Searches include distributor information and product descriptions. Fact sheets and information on catalogs are also available. The database can be searched from the ABLEDATA web site.

Center for Assistive Technology Act Data Assistance Program — State AT Programs

catada.info/state.html

Provides state AT program information. Each State is broken down by topic including: state financing activities, device reutilization, device loan, and device demonstration.



Housing and Building

Center for Universal Design (CUD)

ncsu.edu/ncsu/design/cud.

Develops publications and instructional materials. Provides information and technical assistance, on accessible and adaptive design. Web site includes a publications list, glossary, and related links. CUD also maintains udeducation.org, a collection of universal design education materials available online.

IDEA Center (Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access)

Phone: 716/829-5902

idea.ap.buffalo.edu.

IDEA provides resources and technical expertise in architecture, product design, facilities management, and the social and behavioral sciences to further the concept of universal design, or design of places and products that are usable by and desirable to a broad range of people, including people with disabilities and other often overlooked groups.

HUD USER

Toll Free: 800/245-2691

huduser.org/portal/publications/pdrpubli.html.

Source for Federal government reports and research literature on accessible design and housing for people with special needs. Publications are available as free downloads or can be ordered in hard copy from the HUD USER web store.

Institute for Human Centered Design (IHCD)

Phone: 617/695-1225 (V/TTY)

humancentereddesign.org.

Offers resource materials on design, accessibility standards, guidelines, and legislation. Web site includes a publications list, ADA resource information, and related links.

National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBS)

Toll Free: 800/843-6522

nkba.org/Design.aspx.

For homeowners, NKBA offers information on why you should hire a certified designer, how to find an NKBS professional near you, and a virtual planning tool.

National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)

Toll Free: 800/368-5242

www.nahb.org/en/consumers.aspx.

Provides information and resources on the Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist (CAPS) program, including how to find one in your area, and “What is Universal Design?”.

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)

Toll Free: 800/424-8200

www.pva.org/accessible-design.

Provides publications covering such topics as accessibility, assistive technology, and adaptive design. Web site includes design guidelines.

Socialserve.com

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Allows user to search for accessible housing by state, choosing which options best fit their needs.



Homemods.org

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Homemods.org is provided by the Fall Prevention Center of Excellence. The website is dedicated to promoting aging in place and independent living for persons of all ages and abilities and serves as an information clearinghouse on home modification for professionals and consumers. To search the National Directory of Home Modification and Repair Resources, by state, visit gero.usc.edu/nrcshhm/directory.

Visitability.org

visitability.org/.

Visitability.org, a website hosted by the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL), provides information about and defines the growing nationwide trend of visitability. The website also provides information about construction, making townhomes visitable, costs, policy strategies, news and other resources.

Accessible Media

W3C Web Accessibility Initiative

Phone: 617/258-9741

w3.org/WAI.

Works to educate webmasters, software designers, and Internet users about integrating accessibility into design. Resources include guidelines for webpages, webpage authoring tools, browsers, and the media associated with the Internet; discussion forums; links to accessibility laws in the US and internationally.

Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family National Center for Accessible Media at WGBH (NCAM)

Phone: 617/300-3400

TTY: 617/300-2489

ncam.wgbh.org.

NCAM's mission is: to expand access to present and future media for people with disabilities; to explore how existing access technologies may benefit other populations; to represent its constituents in industry, policy and legislative circles; and to provide access to educational and media technologies for special needs students.



Education

Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST)

Phone: 781/245-2212

cast.org.

Works to expand learning opportunities for all individuals, especially those with disabilities, through Universal Design for Learning (UDL). Provides information and resources on UDL, a detailed framework of principles, guidelines, and checkpoints for creating curriculum that supports all learners. Has a variety of learning tools and a separate website for professionals, CAST Professional Learning, castprofessionallearning.org.

National Center on Universal Design for Learning

Phone: 781/245-2212

udlcenter.org.

Offers information on what universal design for learning (UDL) is, UDL guidelines, and resources for parents and teachers. Connect with different groups, join the discussion forum, or create your own blog.



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