

## Additional Resources

**Remodeling Online**  
[remodeling.hw.net](http://remodeling.hw.net)

**National Association of the Remodeling Industry**  
[nari.org](http://nari.org)

**Home Improvement Information from HUD.gov**  
[portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/home\\_improvements](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/home_improvements)



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*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](http://www.naric.com)!

## Assistive Technology

### National Assistive Technology Act Technical Assistance and Training (AT3) Center

[at3center.net](http://at3center.net)

Provides information about the Assistive Technology Act, State Assistive Technology Programs, and general assistive technology. Find your state AT program here [at3center.net/state-program](http://at3center.net/state-program), including information about financing AT devices and device loans, demos, and reutilization. The Explore AT section of the website is a clearinghouse for information and resources on a variety of assistive technologies. It provides links to reputable information sources on AT devices and services in the areas of education, employment, and community living.



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

[catada.info/state.html](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 (NKBA)

Toll Free: 800/843-6522

[nkba.org/Design.aspx](http://nkba.org/Design.aspx)

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

### National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)

Toll Free: 800/368-5242

[www.nahb.org/enconsumers.aspx](http://www.nahb.org/enconsumers.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](http://www.pva.org/accessible-design)

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

### Socialserve.com

[socialserve.com](http://socialserve.com).

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



### Homemods.org

[homemods.org](http://homemods.org).

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](http://gero.usc.edu/nrcshhm/directory).

### Visitability.org

[visitability.org](http://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](http://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; and 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](http://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](http://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](http://castprofessionallearning.org). CAST hosts the UDL Guidelines, a tool used in the implementation of universal design for learning: [udlguidelines.cast.org](http://udlguidelines.cast.org).



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