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Technical Guidance

The guidelines are expressed in general terms to convey the needs of elderly people. It was not felt to be either useful or practical to include detailed guidance on the dimensions and construction of each of the facilities mentioned. A wealth of literature already exists covering the subject from various perspectives and the publications listed below are a sample of those which provide detailed guidance on specific regulatory requirements and best practice. The list is not intended to be conclusive or even to suggest that these are the correct documents to use. It is simply an indication of some of the vast range of literature available.

- Wheelchair housing design guide

Guide to the design of housing to meet the needs of wheelchair users.

Detailed guidance on the space and facilities required in housing for wheelchair users.
ISBN 1-86081-897-8 Cost: £40.00 Stephen Thorpe / Habinteg Housing Association

- Inclusive mobility

Guide to best practice on Access to pedestrian and Transport infrastructure.

Constructional details of foot ways, footpaths, pedestrian areas, car parking, bus stops, access to transport related buildings, associated signage, lighting and access to the countryside.
Available electronically on <http://www.dft.gov.uk/transportforyou/access/tipws/>
Cost: Free Mobility & Inclusion Unit, Department of Transport

- Sign Design Guide

Guide to inclusive signage

Guidance on the function and positioning of signage, language, lettering, layout, colouring, illumination and materials. Contains useful information about visual impairment.
ISBN 1-85878-412-3 Cost: £20.00 JMU and the Sign Design Society

- Building Sight

Handbook of building and interior design solutions to include the needs of visually impaired people.
Guidance on inclusive design principles, site & exterior design, interior design, lighting, decoration, signage, sensory wayfinding, services & management.
ISBN 1-85878-074-8 Cost: £25.00 RNIB - Royal National Institute for the Blind

- BS8300, 2001

Design of Buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people - Code of practice
National British Standard giving very comprehensive guidance on design of buildings and their approaches to suit a wide range of disabilities. ISBN 0-580-38438-1
Available from www.bsi-global.com Cost: £200 (members £100) BSI - British Standards Institute

- Lifetime Homes Standards

Standards devised to ensure housing is adaptable to meet the changing needs of occupants throughout their lifetime.

Available on line at www.lifetimehomes.org.uk Cost: Free
Habinteg Housing Association / Joseph Rowntree Foundation

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ERVET Emilia-Romagna Territorial Economic Development S.p.A. - Team Leader (Italy)

Founded in 1974, the agency is the principal representative of the Emilia-Romagna Region. From 2003 it has operated as the principal agency for territorial development with the aim of promoting a sustainable economy, solely for the upkeep and qualification of welfare levels for the population, in line with the programmes and plans of the regional authorities and with the system of local institutes. ERVET provides its services to the Emilia-Romagna Region on the basis of a special agreement, and to other public and private institutes through specific projects

Blekinge Institute of Technology - Karlskrona University (Sweden)

The Blekinge Institute of Technology is a university specialized in teaching in the field of advanced technical applications and social sciences. Its interest today is focused particularly on the elderly. Indeed, in cooperation with the School of Engineering, Department of European Spatial Planning and the Solvesborg community, it has developed research projects on how to build and manage elderly housing: Seniorliving.

FAMCP Federazione Aragonese di Municipalità, Comarcas e Province (Spain)

FAMCP - Federazione Aragonese di Municipalità, Comarcas e Province collaborates with IASS, the Aragonese institute for social services. On the basis of this collaboration it has supplied a list of services "à la carte" adaptable to the needs of everyone.

This offer includes help for disabled elderly people and economic help for the needy, as well as services for free time activities

Brighton & Hove City Council (United Kingdom)

The council is responsible for providing housing and social care services to a population of around 250,000 people and works to ensure that all the people of Brighton & Hove have access to decent affordable housing that enables a good quality of life. The council is working with the Primary Care Trust, partners and other stakeholders to develop a new housing strategy for the city "*Housing Strategy 2008-2013: healthy homes, healthy lives, healthy city*" which will also see the development of a complimentary Older Persons Housing Strategy.

Győr City Council (Hungary)

The housing board of directors for social services and welfare is responsible for the level of healthcare and assistance for elderly citizens in the municipality. Particularly, it is concerned with elderly citizens who live in conditions of need and aims to apply the Guidelines developed by the Wel_Hops project in order to better the conditions of both the elderly and the population in general

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