Does a visitable house look different?

Visitability features don’t have to be obtrusive, or even noticeable.

Visitable houses can be constructed with a basement or crawl space, or on slab. They can be built on lots with a variety of terrains.

A stepless entrance (at the front, side, rear, or from the garage) can usually be achieved with gentle grading, so that the sidewalk meets the porch. This means no ramp is necessary.

Building Your Home in Indiana?

If you desire to build a visitable home, Indiana has a law that supports customers like you.

See Indiana Code 675 IAC27-1-14:
“...if a person contracts with a designer or a builder to construct a visitability feature in new construction, the designer or builder must comply with the standards adopted by the [fire prevention and building safety] commission.”

For more information, go to www.ai.org/legislative/iac/T06750/A00270.PDF

How much does it cost?

Visitability features cost little up front, on average less than 1% of construction costs.

That’s much less than remodeling expenses to widen doors and add a ramp later!

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Build a Home to WELCOME ALL Your Guests

Here’s how a “Visitable” Home can make life easier for everyone
The **Visitble Home** has

1. **An entrance without steps**
   - at the front, side or rear of house, or from the garage

2. **Wider interior doorways and hallways on main level**
   - Doors are 36 inches wide, allowing 34 inches clear passage

3. **A bathroom on the main level**
   - with space for a wheelchair to maneuver

These are the basic features for “Visitability.” Ask your builder about other accessibility features, including lever door handles, lowered light switches, and raised electrical outlets.

**Convenience**
- It’s a snap to move large items. No more struggling with luggage. Roll in the stroller. Sprained ankle? No problem!

**Flexibility**
- Be ready for all of life’s seasons. Aging shouldn’t have to mean moving.

**Hospitality**
- Never have to exclude friends and family with mobility limitations from visiting your home.

**Marketability**
- Build a house that has features home buyers and renters want, without losing “curb appeal.”

**Helpful Resources**
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  - [www.homemods.org](http://www.homemods.org)
- **IDEA Center, University of Buffalo**
  - [www.ap.buffalo.edu/idea](http://www.ap.buffalo.edu/idea)
- **National Association of Home Builders**
  - [www.nahb.org](http://www.nahb.org)

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