Universal Design Products
List of Potential Universal Design Features
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This is a list of universal design features individuals may consider incorporating into their homes. Remember, not all features are necessary; rather, it is important to identify those features which meet the unique needs of your situation and/or family.

**General Construction and Floor Plan**
- Landscaped no step entry to home.
- No step access to kitchen, bathroom (with shower), bedroom, laundry.
- All doors: 36” wide (absolute minimum 32”).
- 45” hallways.
- Thresholds ¼” high or none.
- Lever door handles.
- Keypad or remote control lock system.
- Handrails at all stairs (both sides).
- Porch covering.

**Electrical**
- Distribution panel 48” above floor.
- Outlets 18”-24” above floor.
- Phone jacks between 18”-24” above floor.
- Switches 42”-48” above floor.
- Rocker panel switches.
- Smoke detectors.
- Carbon monoxide detectors.

**Lighting**
- Ceiling lights in every room.
- Task lighting in kitchen, bath, laundry.
- Lighting from multiple locations.
- Rheostat switches
- Night Lights.

**Flooring**
- Low pile carpet.
- Slip resistant.
- Non-glare.
Bathroom (first floor)
- Roll-in or walk-in shower.
- Grab bars in shower and/or tub area.
- Reinforced walls by toilet and tub/shower area.
- Shower seat (permanent or folding).
- Hand held adjustable showerhead. Seated area in vanity.
- Sink elevation 32”.
- Lever faucet handles.
- 60” diameter floor space.
- Door swings out.
- Emergency call system.

Utility/Laundry
- Front loading washer and dryer.
- Raise washer and dryer 8”.
- Shelving between 18”-48” from floor.

Closets
- Adjustable height shelves.
- Multi-level shelves and rods.
- 36” doors or wider.

Security
- Exterior doors: peep hole (at accessible height) or view of porch from window.
- Emergency call system in bathroom.
- Intercom/camera system at front door.
- Motion activated outdoor lights.

Kitchen
- Counter height: Multiple work heights (30”, 36”) or (34” counter height).
- At least one work height at 30” with no cabinet front (could be at table).
- Cook top (with potential for seated access).
- Lower wall cabinets to 15” above counter or provide tall cabinets (or pantry).
- D or T shape drawer handles.
- Single lever faucet handles.
- Wall oven located between 18”-24” above floor (32” ideal).
- Dishwasher elevated 8” above floor.
- Refrigerator: Side by side or freezer on the bottom.
- Front controls on appliances.

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