



SAFERhome Standards

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Work Better, and Worth More*

SAFERhome is the only 100% measurable "GOLD Standard" in Universal Home Design

	Criteria	SAFERhome Standard	Description
STRUCTURAL & DESIGN 8 Standards	1	Exterior Thresholds	All exterior thresholds are flush.
	2	Interior Thresholds	All interior thresholds meet minimal code constraints (eg. shower entrance).
	3	Doors (pinch points)	All doors and pinch points are a minimum of 34" but ideally 36" wide.
	4	Hallways	All hallways are a minimum of 40" but ideally 42" wide.
	5	Washroom Wall Reinforcements	Reinforced with 2x12" solid lumber in all washroom tub, shower, and toilet locations.
	6	Wall Reinforcements (Top of the Stairs)	At the top of all stairs, walls are reinforced with 2x12" solid lumber at 36" to centre.
	7	Multistory Connection Provision	Either an allowance for an elevator options in stacked closets or build all staircase(s) with a minimum width of 42".
	8	Sink Cabinets	Cabinets underneath each sink are easily removed.
ELECTRICAL & TELECOM 4 Standards	9	Light Switch Positioning	All switches positioned at 42" to the centre of the electrical box from the finished floor.
	10	Electrical Outlet Positioning	All outlets positioned at 18" to the centre of the electrical box from the finished floor.
	11	Electrical Outlet Placement Locations	Beside windows, especially where draperies or blinds may be installed. Bottom of staircases. Beside the toilet. Above external doors (inside). On front face of kitchen counter.
	12	Four-Plex Outlet Locations	Placed in master bedroom, home office, garage, utility room, and recreation room.
PLUMBING 3 Standards	13	Bath and Shower Control Positioning	All controls are offset from centre, roughly 1/2 way between the historic centre location and the outside edge of the shower or tub enclosure.
	14	Waste Pipes	All pipes are brought in no higher than 14" to the centre of the pipe from floor level.
	15	Pressure/Temperature Control Valves	(Canada for renovations only) Control valves are installed on all shower faucets.