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## Practical Home Hunting Tips for Accessible Living

If you or someone in your family is living with a disability, you know that finding an accessible home can be a challenge. In addition to worrying about things like the size of the home and the number of bedrooms, you also have to consider accessibility. From wider doorways to step-free entryways, many factors can make a big difference in your day-to-day life.

In this blog post, we will offer tips on what to look for when house hunting if you need an accessible home. We'll also discuss the home buying process, common home modifications, and ways to reduce stress during your move. By following these tips presented to you below by [Uniquely Abled Project](#), you can ensure that your new home meets your needs and allows you to live as independently as possible.

### What To Look For When House Hunting

When looking for an accessible home, there are a few key things to keep in mind.

First, think about the layout of the home:

- Is there a bedroom and bathroom on the main floor?
- If you use a wheelchair, for example, are the [doorways wide enough](#) to accommodate this device or something similar?
- Is there step-free entry into the home?
- Is this house a fixer-upper, and [will it be cheaper](#) to complete these repairs yourself?

It's also important to consider the neighborhood when you're house hunting. Do sidewalks and curbs allow for easy wheelchair access? Are public transportation options nearby? These things can make a big difference in your daily life, and your home must accommodate your needs.

## The Home Buying Process

Once you've found a few homes that meet your needs, it's time to start planning for your home purchase. If you're working with a real estate agent, they'll likely help you put together an offer on the home. But even if you're not working with an agent, you'll want to [consider several factors when making an offer](#).

First, determine how much you're willing to pay for the home. Look at home prices in the area to gauge what is reasonable for the market and weigh that against your budget. Remember that you may need to make additional investments to make the home fully accessible. The easiest way to create your budget is to take notes in a digital file on your tablet or phone. Once you've nailed down your budget, you'll be ready to put together your offer.

If this is your first time buying a home, it's essential to consult with an experienced real estate attorney who can [help guide you through the process](#) and protect your interests. Be sure to read all of the documents carefully and ask any questions that you may have before signing anything.

## Common Home Modifications

Home modifications are a great way to ensure that the home is both accessible and comfortable for all who live there. Widening doorways, installing ramps or stair lifts, and [adding grab bars in bathrooms](#) or showers can all make a huge difference when it comes to making life easier.

If you're thinking about moving into a new home, it's always wise to consider what kinds of changes need to be made so that they can be factored into your budget as soon as possible. While some modifications may not necessarily be required right away, they could still prove to be invaluable down the line, so keep this in mind when making decisions around renovations. After gaining an understanding of the costs associated with these projects, you'll have a better idea of just how much money needs to be spent on improving your home's accessibility.

If you run a home-based business, it's important that you factor those needs into your home renovation plans. You'll also need to update your business registration if you have moved to a new state because these designations are state-specific. So you may need to file for [a new limited liability company](#) (LLC) to get up and running quickly. A formation service can handle the paperwork though so that you can focus on moving, renovating, and getting settled.

## Don't Rule Out Getting a Home Warranty

When purchasing a new home, looking into [a home warranty](#) is an important step. A home warranty can provide peace of mind in the case of unexpected repairs and replacements, making it a great option for homeowners. It's important to do your research before getting a policy - make sure you find a company that offers the right coverage for you and your specific property.

Additionally, keep an eye out for any extra features such as discounts or exclusive benefits. If you're looking for warranty companies in Florida, try comparing companies online or asking for referrals from people in your area.

## Reducing Stress During Your Move

Moving is always stressful, but it can be incredibly challenging if you move with a disability. Luckily, there are some things you can do to make the process as smooth as possible:

- **Start planning early.** Give yourself plenty of time to get everything done. You should also create a list of [tasks that need to be completed](#) before moving day so that nothing gets forgotten in the shuffle.
- **Pack carefully and label all of your boxes.** This will help you keep everything [organized during the move](#). If possible, try to pack one room at a time so that everything doesn't get overwhelming all at once.

- **Don't forget to ask for help.** Moving is tough, but it's often easier with friends or family members lending a hand (or two).

## **Find (or Create) the House of Your Dreams**

We hope these tips were helpful as you begin your search for an accessible home! While it may take some extra time and effort upfront, we guarantee it will be worth it when you finally find the perfect place for you and your family. Remember to take your time throughout the process, from researching home warranties to looking into different home modifications you may need, so everything goes as smoothly as possible!

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