

Home Modifications

For Older Adults and People with
Disabilities

A Video Series, Part 1



Through this series, you'll learn:

- General information about home modifications
- How home modifications can help you or a family member have a fuller life
- How to pay for home modifications, whether you own or rent your home





This series is for:

- Older adults and people with disabilities who may need modifications to the home they own or rent
- Advocates, family members, case managers, and property managers who can help those who need home modifications
- Others who want to understand more about this important subject



What are Home Modifications?

Converting or adapting a person's home to help make daily tasks easier, reduce accidents, and support independent living.

Home modifications may help people stay at home longer as they age, preventing hospitalization or nursing home care.





Examples of common home modifications include:

- Adding a stairlift
- Soundproofing the floor or ceiling to help with sensory issues
- Installing a stove with press buttons to help with physical limitations

What is NOT a Home Modification?



The following are some examples of changes that would not be considered home modifications:

- Durable medical equipment purchased at a pharmacy or medical supply store, such as a commode
- General home repairs, such as a roof replacement
- Hot tubs, pools, and other amenities that could be considered recreational

How to Fund Home Modifications

- State government agencies such as state human services, or disability and housing agencies
- Local government agencies such as the Council on Aging, Veterans' Agents, and community development departments



How to Find a Home Modification Program

- Nonprofit community organizations such as an Aging Service Access Point (ASAP) agency, independent living center, community development corporation, Neighborworks, Habitat for Humanity, and many others
- Health care organizations such as your primary care provider or case manager





More information about home modifications, including how homeowners and renters can obtain and pay for them, is available at this website:

www.mass.gov/info-details/home-modification-resources-0