

Forums

HMinfo hosts three Forums that provide an opportunity for subscribers to exchange ideas and information relating to home modification for older people and people with disability.

- **Built Environment Industry Professionals**
Forum: A forum for architects, builders and other building professionals that want to explore solutions related to home modifications for older people and people with disability.
- **Occupational Therapist** Forum: The successful and private forum for OTs that would like to discuss home modification issues with peers.
- **Home Modifications Discussion Group**
Forum: An open and public forum where everyone with an interest in home modifications can participate in relevant discussions.

Further Education Opportunities

Improve your expertise in home modifications

The University of New South Wales (UNSW) has a number of courses and single units of study you can enrol in, including Undergraduate courses, Postgraduate degrees by coursework and Postgraduate degrees by research.

Research students at UNSW Built Environment (BE) are undertaking original investigations in and across a wide range of built environment disciplines.

Research degrees report original research findings from many different perspectives - theoretical, empirical and applied - and use many different methodologies - quantitative, qualitative, historical and policy-analysis.

Contact us to find out more or to discuss any other training options:

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Register online:

Free newsletters and updates about changes, training and publications in the area of Home Modifications.

The website features information for:

- Construction professionals (builders, plumbers, electricians, carpenters and tilers, designers, architects etc.)
- Health practitioners and administrators (occupational therapists, human factors engineers, policymakers etc.)
- Users (older people, people with a disability and their carers)

The HMinfo website facilitates:

- Multidisciplinary professional cooperation and understanding
- Consumer understanding and engagement
- Discussion about practice questions and sharing of innovations
- Sharing of forms, policy and procedures to reduce duplication
- Identification and targeting of information gaps
- Better policy access, evaluation and development
- Quick access to relevant information via the internet

Evidence Based Resources

The HMinfo website is an ideal resource to aid decision making in home modification and redesign.

All information is up to date and based on high quality research. The HMinfo team is available to answer questions and to direct people to the best resources for their queries.

**All publications are free to access
and to download**

Online Resources

Evidence Based Practice Reviews

Research publications based on a systematic review methodology. The evidence base built from these reviews is used to develop other products such as consumer and industry factsheets and checklists.

Industry Factsheets and Checklists

Provide information for industry members on how to apply the best practice information gleaned from the research that has been conducted. The industry information includes a checklist for applying the principles developed from the research.

Consumer Factsheets and Checklists

Translate research evidence for Home Modification design and building practices into concise information for consumers. This information is designed to assist older people, people with disability, and carers, when planning and undertaking Home Modifications.

Occasional Research Papers and Summary Bulletins

Research publications based on methodologies other than systematic reviews. For instance, our summary bulletins summarise industry relevant hot topics identified by the HMinfo Advisory Committee, or the Forum section of the HMinfo website.

Annotated Bibliographies

An annotated list of the best references for particular topics of interest for industry and other researchers.

Other Services

Service Directories

HMinfo provides information to assist in finding programs, products and services, that are appropriate for individual home modification requirements.

- Home Modification Service Directory
- Government and Community Programs
- Home Modification Product Suppliers

Apps

The HMinfo Apps are free tools that facilitate 'on the go' assistance with assessing, planning, and undertaking modifications to the home and neighbourhood. The apps can be used on mobile devices, such as iPads, iPhones and Android phones.

Enabling Block Library

The Enabling Block Library drawings and models provide the space and other environmental requirements for the safe and effective access of a range of mobility products.

News

Includes information about new Standards and legislation.

Getting started

1. Go to: www.homemods.info
2. Click Register to login and enter a username and password
3. On the right side, select the Search option, and enter a keyword; try "rail diameter"
4. A list of HMinfo publications should appear
5. Select the title that interests you, for example "**Selecting diameters for grabrails**"
6. A page with the publication details and a link to a PDF document should appear
7. Click on the PDF icon and the publication should open for you.