This publication has been designed to provide basic information for builders, developers, and citizens in Winnipeg who are interested in the design of Visitable housing.

What is a “Visitble” Home?
A “Visitble” home is one that allows basic and essential access to both residents and visitors who experience difficulties with steps because of mobility limitations.

Visitble Design Features
A residence incorporating minimum visitable design features would include:
- One level, no-step entrance minimum 36 inches (91.4 centimetres) wide — on an accessible route
- Wider doorways minimum of 32 inches (81.3 centimetres) clear passage throughout
- A wheelchair accessible bathroom on the main floor

What should the Developer/Homebuilders Consider?
When building, renovating, repairing or rehabilitating a building or structure, developers, architects, and homebuilders alike need to reference regulatory construction requirements prescribed by City of Winnipeg By-laws and the Manitoba Building Code for complete requirements, including building permits, electrical or plumbing permits, lot grading by-law and approach regulations.

General considerations may include:
- Addressing drainage issues, provide run-off of storm water to waste water systems and prevent flooding.
- Flexibility in desired square footage to accommodate specific design requirements.
- Appropriate lot size and configuration to accommodate a larger floor plate.
- Retention of a landscape architect to address aesthetic preferences and retention of a professional engineer to address lot grade requirements.