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Function Heights/mm Environment 1880 - 1900 Top of shower head support grabrail Difficulty interpreting information 1670 Height of forward reach of ambulant person Difficulty moving head with a disability Low vision 1350 Height of side reach limit to high shelf Blindness - wheelchair user Severe loss of hearing Height of raised tactile and Braille signs 1200 - 1600 **Deafness** 1200 - 1350 Hanging rail height Coat hook height within sanitary compartment - wheelchair user 1170 Height of side reach over 600mm wide obstruction - wheelchair user Incoordination 900 - 1850 Extent of mirror above washbasin Loss of upper extremity skills 900 - 1100 Zone for shower taps and soap holder Light switch height Door handle height Difficulty reaching with arms 865 - 1000 Handrail height Difficulty in handling 850 +/- 20 Counter height - wheelchair user Difficulty in fingering 800 - 830 Height to top of washbasin 800 - 810 Horizontal grabrail (top of rail) Prevalence of poor balance 750 +/- 20 Table or worktop height - wheelchair user Limitations of stamina Minimum knee-height clearance beneath 720 Extreme of size and weight table, washbasins, drinking fountains, desks 700 - 1200 Zone of common reach Difficulty bending, kneeling etc - ambulant and wheelchair user 700 Maximum height of toilet paper Inability to use lower extremities dispenser 600 - 1100 General Purpose Outlet height Reliance on mobility aids 480 - 500 Height of mattress top 470 - 480 Top of folding shower seat 460 - 480 Top of toilet seat Height of side reach limit to 230 low shelf - wheelchair user Based on The Enabler Model; Development 1979 Maximum ramp gradient 1:14 Dimensional guidelines based on 1:10 Maximum step ramp gradient AS1428.1-2009 with additional reach ranges based on AS1428.2-1992 1:8 Maximum threshold and kerb ramp gradient

530 - Latchside clearance to door on front approach, door opens towards user 850 - Minimum clear opening of doorway 1000 - Minimum width of continuous accessible path of travel

1800 - Minimum passing space for wheelchairs

1540 x 2070 - Minimum space required for a wheelchair to make a >90° to 180° turn

The Human Factor

The above criteria are relevant to all people regardless of ability. This is to be used as a guide only. For complete details refer to relevant Australian Standards.

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