

Horizontal circulation in entrance storey

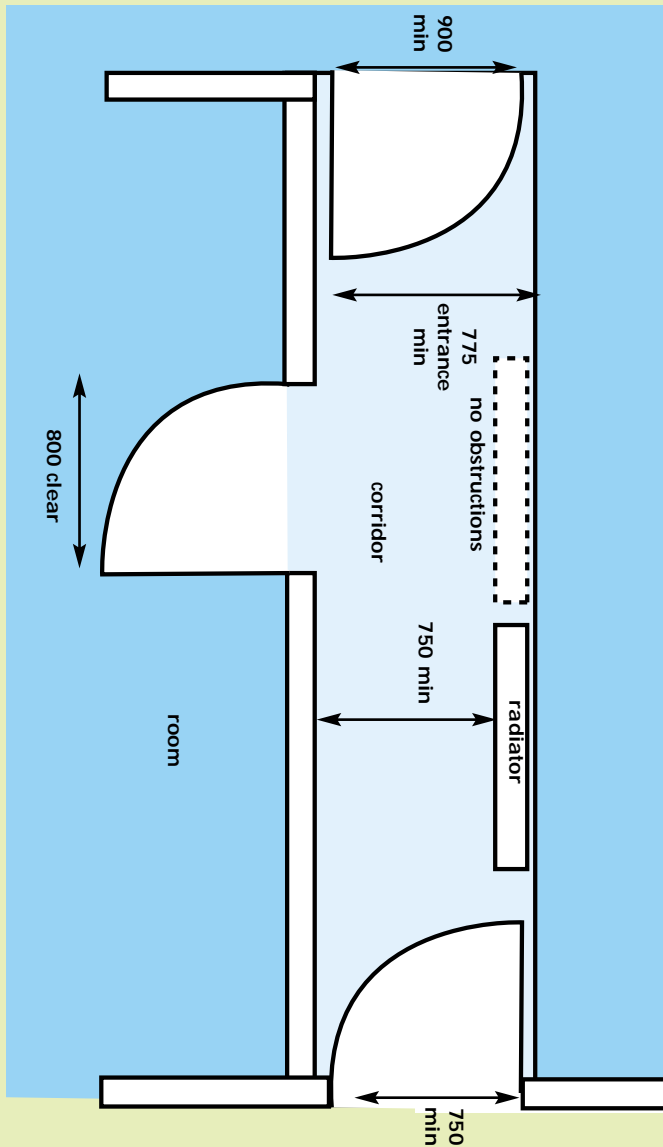


Table 1 Minimum widths of corridors and passageways for a range of doorway widths

Doorway clear opening width (mm)	Corridor/passageway width (mm)
750 or wider	900 (when approach head-on)
750	1200 (when approach not head-on)
775	1050 (when approach not head-on)
800	900 (when approach not head-on)

**NOTE**

Account will also need to be taken of planning requirements, such as for new building within conservation areas. Location and arrangement of dwellings on the site is a matter for planning, whereas the internal layout and construction of the dwellings is a matter for building control.

The Building Control Service is here to help, if you are in any doubt over Building Regulation requirements or require further information, please telephone or call at your local Building Control Office.

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**BUILDING REGULATIONS**

**Information Leaflet No.6**

**Homes for Life**

**Means of Access to and into the Dwelling**



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## AIMS OF THE LEAFLET

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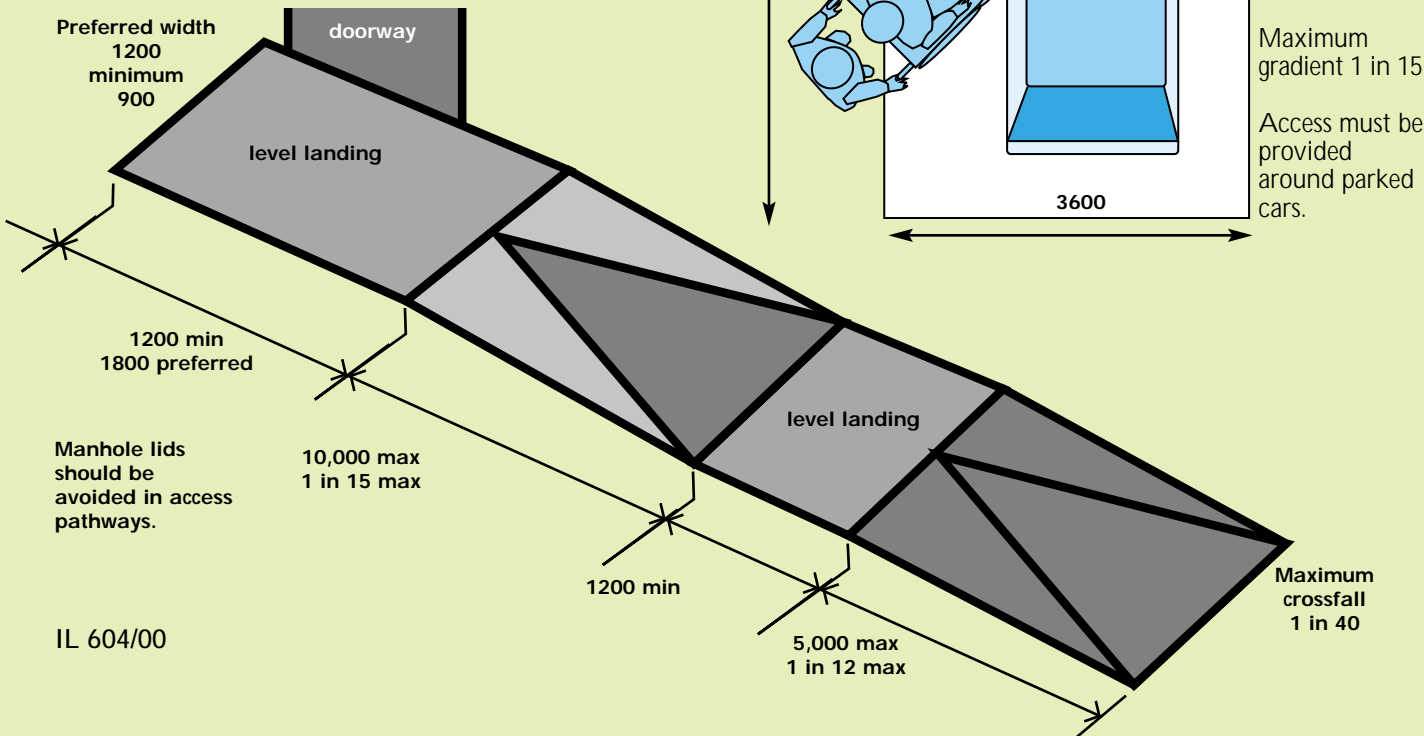
## INTRODUCTION

New houses must be constructed so that they can be used by everyone, this means that reasonable access must be provided from the plot boundary into the dwelling and throughout the ground floor.

Reasonable access should be available for disabled people to go into the homes of friends and relations as well as their own homes. Disabled people should also be able to move around the buildings unaided.

## RAMPED APPROACH

Paths to be firm and well laid and none slip. Loose laid materials such as gravel are unsuitable. A suitable approach must be provided from the point of access to the entrance. An accessible threshold should be provided.



## APPROACH TO THE DWELLING

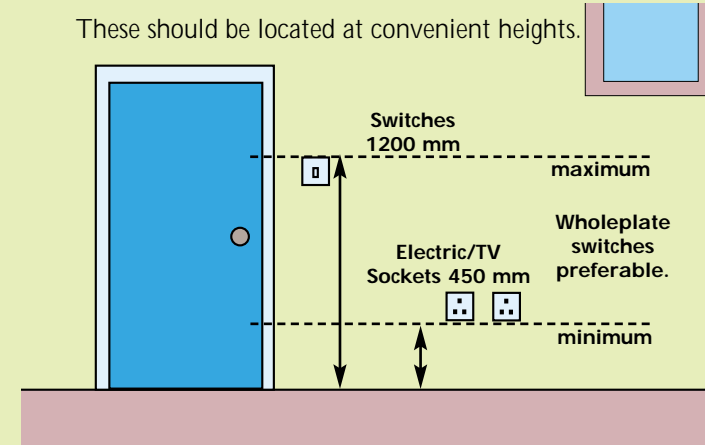
The provision of an approach which can be used by disabled people, including wheelchair users, will be a matter of practicability, variations in topography, available plot space, and distance from the dwelling to the plot entrance will influence the type of access to be provided. The approach must be as safe and practical for disabled people as possible. A driveway presents a usual opportunity to provide a ramped approach.

## ACCESS WITHIN THE DWELLING

Passageways and doors must be wide enough to allow movement by a wheelchair user. See diagram overleaf.

## ACCESSIBLE SWITCHES AND SOCKETS

These should be located at convenient heights.



## W.C. PROVISION ON THE GROUND FLOOR

An accessible W.C. should be provided on the ground floor. The W.C. compartment provides a clear space for wheelchair users and the washbasin is positioned so that it does not impede access. Where a bathroom is on the ground floor the W.C. can be located in the bathroom.

