



## General Capabilities Q & A

**Why use Accessibility Design?** *Look what we bring to the table as your Home Access Specialist.*

- Specialized in *only* home access and safety for 29 years.
- 236 average home modification and new construction projects a year. That's over 6800 lives enhanced with independence and dignity ...and their families.
- Projects from low income to extreme wealth; private pay to government subsidized; church volunteers & donations to real estate trusts.
- Efficient and effective customized services and process for information gathering, design, cost estimating, and report writing.
- Team made up of access specialists; access designers, architects, occupational therapists, nurses, product specialists, administration/paralegals.
- We travel throughout the Midwest as a part of our standard practice.

### **Why can't I use just anyone in the field?**

**Not just anyone can do this work well.** Those simply in the field of physical injury, disabilities, home modification, or adaptive equipment *do not* have the trained eye and expansive expertise to bring to the conversation those issues that will make your case settle for the right amount.

There are many different solutions to an access, safety, and caregiving barrier. Knowing which solution is correct for your client and allowing flexibility for their future needs as they heal and adapt to their "new life" is just a part of it. Consideration for their good days and bad days, family dynamics, care giving processes and needs, community culture, physical structure and systems of the home, and available products and services must not be overlooked. ***Doing this work is a special gift and a cultivated talent.***

### **What credentials are held by those at Accessibility Design?**

- Certified Interior Designer
- Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist
- Architect
- Licensed Occupational Therapist
- Specialty Certification in Environmental Modification
- Certified Ergonomic Assessment Specialist

**Home Access University** - Accessibility Design's founder has raised the bar even more by developing an internal training and focused continuing education curriculum for our team members. This enables us to become excellent home access specialist and experts in the field... *to bring to your litigation process the very best!*

## ***What is included in a Report or Claim?***

### **Personal Injury Litigation Support – Home Options Report**

- Assessment Findings: Medical Condition, Adaptive Equipment & Mobility Aides
- Housing Goals
- Home Access & Safety Features Needed to Meet Housing Goals
- Photographs (exterior and interior of existing home)
- Implemented Home Access & Safety Features
- Home Access & Safety Features Needed (at current home)
- Housing Options and Access Solutions/Features (for each home) *typically 3-4 options such as “modify existing home”, “build a new home”, etc.*
- Probable Costs (for each housing option)

Your client may have a **vacation home, hunting shack, or out-buildings** for hobbies. These will also be assessed and included in the report with their probable costs.

### **Workers' Compensation Home Remodel Claim**

- All findings and contact information required by the MN Council on Disabilities
- Medical Documentation Outlining Functional Limitations
- Permanent Disability Rating
- Architect/Accessibility Specialist Written Certification
- Description of Access Solutions/Modifications (drawings and/or product information)
- Cost of Each Proposed Modification or Product
- Documentation of WCHM Dollars Already Received for Project
- Letter from the Employer's Insurance Company (contested or not contested)

Submission of the award request to the MN Council on Disabilities is also included.

## ***How long does a report take to create?***

The number of hours it takes Accessibility Design to create a report or claim, depends upon the number of homes your client has as well as the number of housing options needed to accurately portray your client's situation. On an average, reports for Personal Injury range from 40 to 80 hours and claims for Workers' Compensation range from 30 to 70 hours.

When you're on the stand... ***you want the best team with you.***

***Accessibility Design is that team !***