

Exploring Home

WA's Individualised Services

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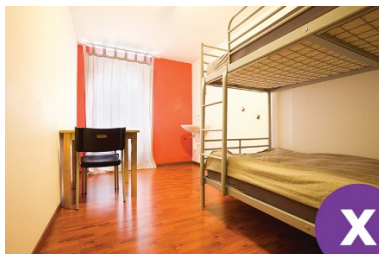
People with disability want good options for where they might live.



It is important that people with disability have the same options as everyone else.



For example, people with disability shouldn't always have to live with other people with disability.



And people shouldn't have to move into housing just because there's a spare bed.



This document is about:

- the options you have
- things you need to think about before you choose where you live.

The housing options you have

There are things that can affect the options you have for where you might live, including:



- how much money you have



- where the things you need are



- where the people you care about live



- where the activities you like happen.



You shouldn't have to live somewhere just because you have a disability.



There are lots of things you might think about.

You might think about living in:



- the country



- a town



- the suburbs



- the inner city.

You might think about what type of community you want to live in:



- an ethnic community – with people from the same background



- a shared-interest community – with people who like the same things



- a professional community – with people who have the same job



- an agricultural community – with people who grow food



- an intentional community – with people who have similar beliefs and want to build a community together.

You might think about finding a home close to the things you need, including:



- transport



- shops



- services.

You might think about the area your home is in, including:



- the vibe – the feeling you get when you're there



- the reputation – what people think of the area



- the interest areas – things people like, such as:
 - o art
 - o music
 - o food.

You might think about how close your home is to:



- your family



- your friends



- community groups



- your church



- your workplace



- your school



- the things you do for fun.

You might think about being close to nature and living near:



- the beach

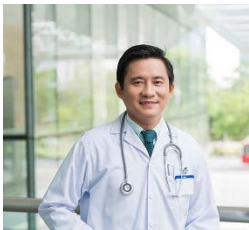


- the bush



- hills.

You might think about living near health facilities, such as:



- doctors



- hospitals



- clinics.



Everyone should be able to choose who they live with.

You might think about living:



- alone



- with family members



- with friends



- with a partner



- with housemates



- with colleagues



- with students



- with a live-in supporter.



You might think about the ages and type of people you live with.

You might think about living in a:



- free-standing house



- villa – a free-standing building in a group of units



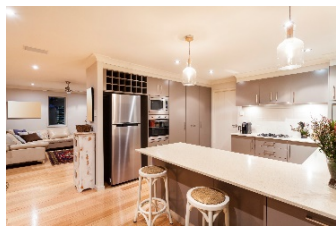
- unit that is joined to another unit on one side



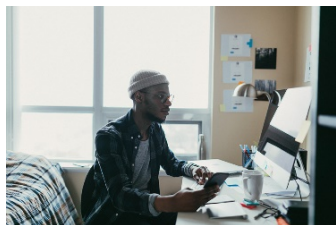
- self-contained flat



- caravan or park home



- tiny house



- student hostel



- motel or pub.

You might think about whether you want to:



- rent a room in someone's house



- couch surf – stay with someone for a short time



- house sit – stay in someone's house while they are away

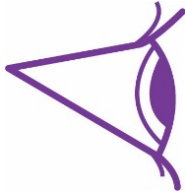


All people should be able to make choices about the price of the home they are looking for.

You might think about the style of the home you want to live in, including:



- how much sunlight gets in



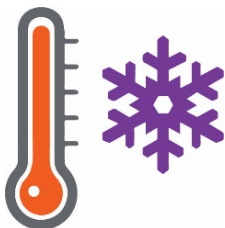
- how much people can see in



- how many storeys there are



- how much noise gets in from outside



- how hot or cold it gets



- how much work it needs.

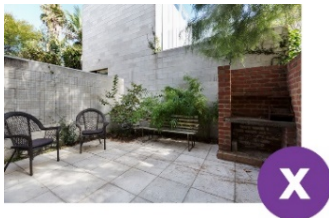
You might think about the size of your home and whether it has:



- a garden



- a courtyard



- no yard.

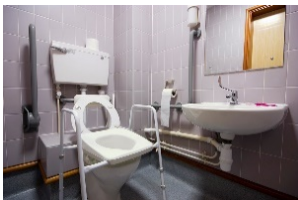


If your home needs to be accessible, you might think about finding a home that will suit your needs.

It might need to have:



- wider doorways



- larger bathroom areas



- handrails.

You might think about living in:



- public housing



- a private rental



- community housing



- housing you own.

Other things you might think about when you choose your home include:



- your privacy



- your safety



- the security of your belongings.

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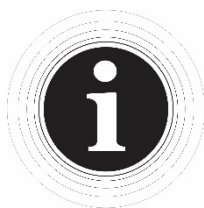
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