**RESOURCE INFO FOR RAMPS**

**Questions to answer:**

1. Who is the primary user?
2. What type of mobility device(s) does the person use (cane, crutches, walker, manual or power wheelchair, motorized 3-wheel scooter)?
3. Will the person’s abilities change? Plan for anticipated changes…
4. Will the person use the ramp independently or will help be needed? If so, who will provide help and what are their abilities?
5. Which entryway is best for the ramp? Consider the inside as well as outside: is there an attached garage?
6. What is the terrain between my vehicle and home or place of entrance?
7. Are there steps that I must go up? If so, how many? Do you know the total vertical rise in inches or feet?
8. Is there a landing or a threshold (step) as I enter my house?
9. Is there another entrance into my home with fewer steps or a smaller grade?
10. Is there a concern about security and “curbside” appearance?

If so, locating the ramp to the side or back of a property may minimize the visual indication of a resident with a disability.

1. Take a picture of the entryway - preferred ramp location.

**Rise Over Run Equals Slope**:

Perhaps the most important consideration is the slope, which is determined by ascertaining the "rise" -- the straight vertical distance a person will travel when going up or down a ramp -- versus the "run," which is distance measured along the ground from one end of the ramp to the other. The ratio of rise over run gives you the slope.

**Tips:**

* Links to a variety of programs that may build ramps **OR** know of other groups that build ramps are listed below. Please remember that each program will have their own criteria.
* There may be other resources in your local community. For example, there may be faith-based or civic groups that build ramps on a small scale in your area. Your local library <https://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/ld/about-libraries/library-directory> **or** United Way <http://www.unitedwaync.org/unitedwaysinnc>

may have that information for you.

**Public programs:**

Area Agencies on Aging:

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/adult-services/area-agencies-on-aging>

Independent Living Rehabilitation Program:

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/disability-services/independent-living-for-people-with-disabilities>

NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/dvrs>

**Private Programs:**

NC Independent Living Centers:

<http://www.ncsilc.org/centers/>

Habitat for Humanity:

<http://www.programsforelderly.com/housing-habitat-for-humanity-critical-care.php>

Rebuilding Together:

<https://rebuildingtogether.org/find-your-local-affiliate>

Ramps.org:

<http://www.ramps.org/projects-northcarolina.htm>

Baptists on Mission:

<https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/Local-Ideas/Construction-Projects/Wheelchair-Ramp-Construction>

AmRamp.com:

Eastern: <http://www.amramp.com/EasternNC>

Carolinas: <http://www.amramp.com/carolinas>

Military Missions in Action:

<http://www.militarymissionsinaction.org/operation-building-hope>

National Resource Center on Supportive Housing and Home Modification: <http://homemods.org/directory/nrcshhm/directory/nc.htm>

**Financial Loan Program(s):**

Self-Help Credit Union

(Ask about their financial loan program for assistive technology and physical accommodations)

<https://www.self-help.org/personal/loans/other-loans/assistive-technology-loans>

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