

Ramp access

Following a recent visit from your Occupational (OT) Therapist, an external ramp (ramp) has been recommended for you.



Useful information

- The ramp will be built from the doorway (usually the front door) and will give you safe and easy access to/from your home. It will also enable you to access at least part of your garden though it may not be the area you would ideally prefer.
- The contractor may need to alter the doorway and this may include fitting a new door with a suitable low threshold.
- The ramp will be either semi-permanent (metal) or permanent (concrete) depending on ground conditions and any applicable planning regulations.
- The position of the ramp may take up a small portion of your driveway or garden.
- The gradient of the ramp cannot be steeper than 1:12. Its length will depend on the slope of the land to the door.
- Depending on the design and style of the ramp, handrails may be fitted. Your surveyor will offer advice about this. The ramp will also have an upstand of at least 100mm (4 inches) along all edges to prevent falls.
- Ramps must comply with Building Regulations and include landing areas which must be at least one meter square to allow for an adequate turning circle and rest area.
- If your property is in a Conservation Area, formal permission may be required before the ramp is installed.

Average waiting time

- If you are applying for a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) the Order for the adaptation cannot be placed until you have received a grant approval which takes approximately eight weeks. Once the Order has been placed the average waiting time is then four to six weeks. The contractor will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient installation date.

Installation time

- It takes approximately one to three days to fit the ramp, depending on the specification and preparatory work required.
- If a new door is required, this will increase the installation time.
- If it is necessary to disturb any plasterwork we will repair it but we will not redecorate so you will need to budget for this.

After installation

- A surveyor from Stockport Homes will contact you to check that you are happy with the ramp and that it is working properly. Please tell them if you have any concerns.
- Your OT will be informed that the ramp has been fitted. They may visit you to ensure that you are using it correctly and that it meets your needs.

- It will be your responsibility to ensure that the ramp is well maintained and safe to use, and that it is used correctly by all occupants and visitors.

Reporting faults

- The ramp has a 12 month guarantee. Any faults occurring during this period should be reported to the installer.
- When the warranty expires you will be responsible for the upkeep of the ramp.
- If you have a metal ramp and find you no longer need it, please contact us on 0161 474 4291 as we may be able to re-use it.

More information

For more information about this adaptation please contact the Home Improvement Agency Team on **0161 474 4291** or **hia@stockporthomes.org**

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