



Are there different types of SDA?

There are 5 types of Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA). These are referred to as the SDA Design Categories:

Basic

Covers older properties that don't have any special design features. Basic SDA is no longer being built.

Improved Liveability

If you find it difficult to see or understand things around you, then Improved Liveability SDA might suit you.

Improved Liveability SDA is easy to move around in. Doorways, handles and switches are easy to see and it's often easy to see from one room through to the next.

Fully Accessible

If you have a significant physical disability, then Fully Accessible SDA might suit you. Most often, people who are eligible for Fully Accessible SDA use a wheelchair to get around some or all of the time.

There are no steps in a Fully Accessible home. Doorways are wide enough for a wheelchair. The bathroom is designed to be used by people who are sitting as well as standing and the kitchen often is too.





High Physical Support

If you use an electric wheelchair to get around, or a hoist to get in and out of bed, or you need many hours of support every day, then High Physical Support SDA might suit you.

A High Physical Support home has all the features of Fully Accessible SDA, plus emergency back-up power and a ceiling that is strong enough for a ceiling hoist. It will often have an intercom that connects you to a support worker who is close by. It may also have assistive technology that suits the needs of the person who lives there. This could include doors, lights and heating that can be controlled with your voice or a device.

Robust

If you sometimes act in a way that may not be safe for you or the people around you, then Robust SDA might suit you.

The walls, windows and other things in a Robust home aren't easily broken. It has good sound-proofing, so that sounds from outside don't upset you, and so that any noise you make doesn't upset the neighbours. The doors and windows are secure. A Robust home will also have a space where you, other residents or staff can go to keep safe.



For more information, please email:
housingoptions@housinghub.org.au

The Housing Hub is a website that shows accessible properties that are available to rent or buy. You can create a profile on the Housing Hub and it will show you places to live that match what you want.

If you have very high disability support needs, the Summer Foundation's Housing Hub team can support you to work out what you want and need in a home.



You can watch a video about the different types of SDA here:

youtu.be/1ptqzWk4G4Y

