

A Homeowner's Guide



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HOME

Lifemark™ – *Design for Life*



Imagine

A new home that accommodates not just you and your family, with your own personal needs today, but also your wider family, friends and neighbours at any time in your lives. By designing with flexibility for both lifestyle and life change, you as the owner benefit from better looking design, plus greater adaptation possibilities for your home in the long term.

We think of it as living design, with space in the right place.

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Lifemark™ promotes, and endorses well designed homes that are safe and easy to live in for everyone, regardless of age, stage or ability.

Design

A Lifemark™ rated home is designed to

- be beautiful to look at and functional to live in

It accommodates

- ease of entry
- ease of movement within
- accessibility for all
- easy adaptation if circumstances change
- the needs of the occupants through all stages of life by being pre-emptive at design stage rather than reactive.






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Choices

Building your dream home comes with plenty of design choices

The following images show some examples of Lifemark™ rated homes that demonstrate accessibility does not compromise a striking design.

A Lifemark™ rated home is simply designed with space in the right place.



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Lifemark Rating
Seals

3 - 5 Star Certification is available

Entrance Ways

Lifemark™ Design Standards

- Parking space that is wide enough for everyone getting in and out of cars
- Slip resistant path
- A covered, level entry platform
- Clear entry ways
- Exterior sensor lighting
- Easy access from gate to front door



Kitchens

Lifemark™ Design Standards

- The kitchen is not a main thoroughfare
- The dining area is close by
- There is room for everyone to move
- Appliances are easily accessible and positioned away from corners
- Taps to be lever handle, push or electronic
- Kitchen drawers are favoured over cupboards



Living Rooms

Lifemark™ Design Standards

- Light switches and door handles are placed at a consistent and convenient height
- Power sockets, TV, phone and computer outlets are located away from corners and at a consistent and convenient height
- Windows have lever handles
- Floors are slip resistant and can handle wheeled traffic



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Bedrooms

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- Clear space to easily access the bed
- Easy access to a bathroom
- Wide and clear door opening and handles within reach
- Light switches and door handles are placed at a consistent and convenient height
- A bedroom on the primary living level



Bathrooms

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- Space for a level entry shower now or in the future
- The toilet is accessible for everyone now or in the future
- A bathroom on the primary living level
- Strengthened walls to accommodate future handrails and shower seat



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**Planning for
the future...
Designing for
everyone**

Lifemark™ avoids the
need for costly and
undesirable retrofitting



The Standards

The Lifemark™ rating process is underpinned by a formal set of design standards.

Accredited Lifemark™ Partners, such as builders or architects, must use these standards and work with Lifemark™ in order to achieve a star rating for a home.

Lifemark™ and the New Zealand Government believe that the Lifemark™ process will improve the housing stock availability by enhancing the adaptability and accessibility of approved dwellings, housing a wider range of people.




Roll over headings to see the standards in action...



The Principles

Behind the Lifemark™ Design Standards are 5 key principles that are internationally recognised as being the best for every home...

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Usable

Adaptable

Accessible

Safe

Lifetime value



**Living design...
caters to all
of us who love
our home and
value the future.**

Lifemark™ not only
recognises and endorses
Universal Design principles,
it will be seen as your mark
of good design.



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