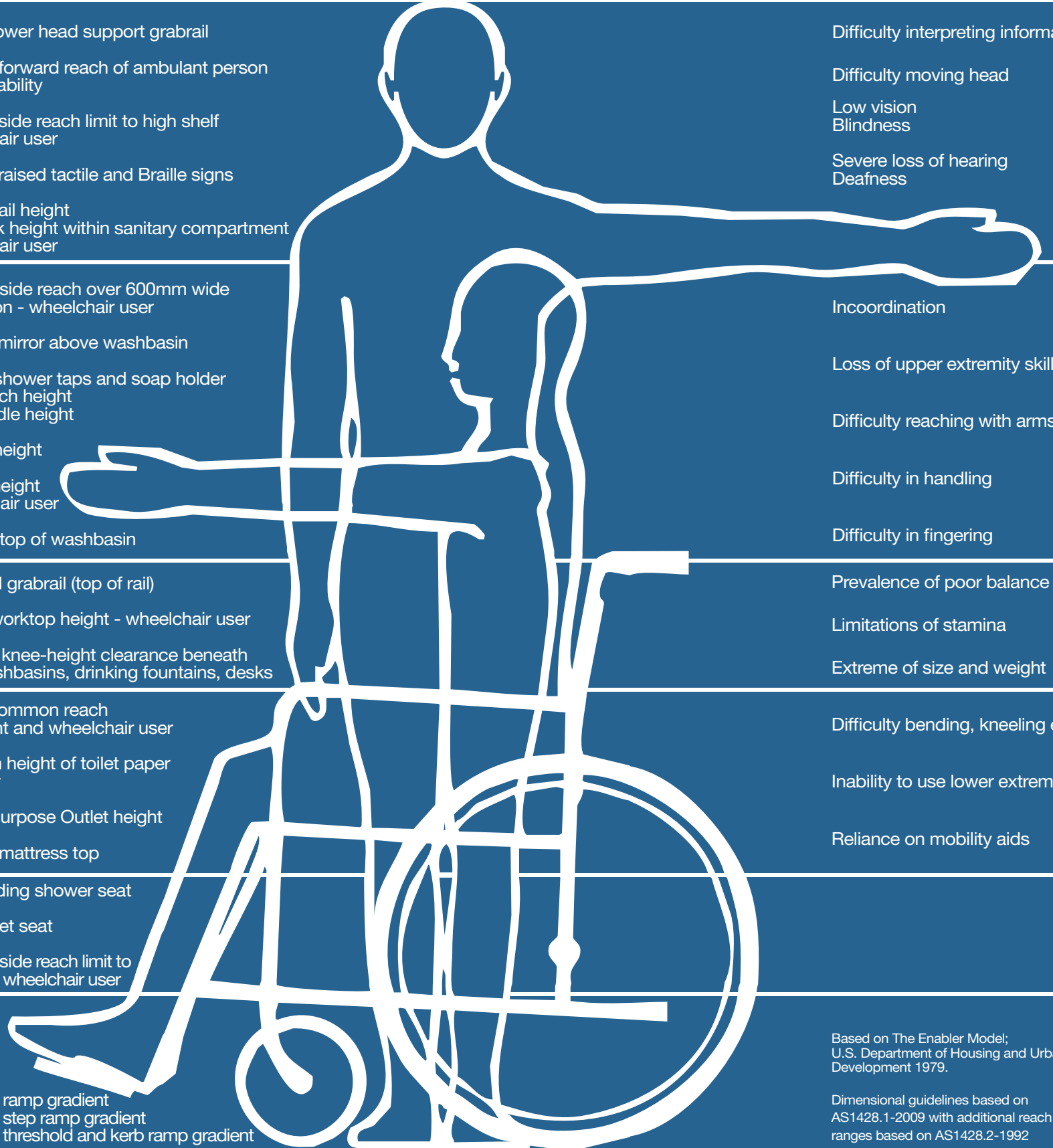


Access for All

Heights/mm	Environment	Function
1880 - 1900	Top of shower head support grabrail	Difficulty interpreting information
1670	Height of forward reach of ambulant person with a disability	Difficulty moving head
1350	Height of side reach limit to high shelf - wheelchair user	Low vision Blindness
1200 - 1600	Height of raised tactile and Braille signs	Severe loss of hearing Deafness
1200 - 1350	Hanging rail height Coat hook height within sanitary compartment - wheelchair user	
1170	Height of side reach over 600mm wide obstruction - wheelchair user	Incoordination
900 - 1850	Extent of mirror above washbasin	Loss of upper extremity skills
900 - 1100	Zone for shower taps and soap holder Light switch height Door handle height	Difficulty reaching with arms
865 - 1000	Handrail height	Difficulty in handling
850 +/- 20	Counter height - wheelchair user	Difficulty in fingering
800 - 830	Height to top of washbasin	Prevalence of poor balance
800 - 810	Horizontal grabrail (top of rail)	Limitations of stamina
750 +/- 20	Table or worktop height - wheelchair user	Extreme of size and weight
720	Minimum knee-height clearance beneath table, washbasins, drinking fountains, desks	Difficulty bending, kneeling etc
700 - 1200	Zone of common reach - ambulant and wheelchair user	Inability to use lower extremities
700	Maximum height of toilet paper dispenser	Reliance on mobility aids
600 - 1100	General Purpose Outlet height	
480 - 500	Height of mattress top	
470 - 480	Top of folding shower seat	
460 - 480	Top of toilet seat	
230	Height of side reach limit to low shelf - wheelchair user	
1:14 1:10 1:8	Maximum ramp gradient Maximum step ramp gradient Maximum threshold and kerb ramp gradient	Based on The Enabler Model; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 1979. Dimensional guidelines based on AS1428.1-2009 with additional reach ranges based on AS1428.2-1992



530 - Latchside clearance to door on front approach, door opens towards user

850 - Minimum clear opening of doorway

1000 - Minimum width of continuous accessible path of travel

1800 - Minimum passing space for wheelchairs

1540 x 2070 - Minimum space required for a wheelchair to make a >90° to 180° turn

The Human Factor

The above criteria are relevant to all people regardless of ability. This is to be used as a guide only. For complete details refer to relevant Australian Standards.

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