

	FINLAND	GERMANY	UK	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS
ROOM / SPACE	LEGISLATORY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS				
Entrance hall	1300x1300 mm minimum free space between walls or fixtures	1200x1200 mm minimum free space between walls or fixtures	minimum width of any hallway 900 mm	hallway minimum width 900 mm; length 1700 mm if entrance door opens by pushing / 2200 mm if entrance door opens by pulling	minimum hallway width is 850 mm; min height 2300 mm. If hallway is shared by multiple users min width 1200 mm
Kitchen	clear width of 1300 mm between unit fronts to opposite wall.	1200x1200 mm minimum free space between walls or fixtures	clear width of 1200 mm between unit fronts to opposite wall	clear width of 1500 mm between unit fronts to opposite wall	minimum floor area 5m ² and height 2600 mm
Bathroom	Ø = 1500 mm free space for wheelchair, 800mm wide free space next to toilet seat on one side	1200x1200 mm minimum size for the shower, different space between the other fixtures	1100x1000 mm free space	Ø = 1500 mm free space	minimum overall dimensions 1600x1800 mm (toilet) and 2200x900 mm (bathroom)
Living room	window area min. 10 % of the floor area	900 mm minimum free space between walls or fixtures and between fixtures	Ø = 1500 mm free space or a turning eclipse of 1700x1400 mm	no requirements	minimum floor area 5m ² and height 2600 mm
Bedroom	minimum area 7 m ² , window area min 10 % of the floor area	1200 mm minimum free space on one side between walls and bed, 900 mm on the other sides	750x750 mm free space	free space of minimum Ø = 1500 mm; min 900 mm of free space on each long side of the bed; min 1200 mm of free space on the short side of the bed	minimum floor area 5m ² and height 2600 mm
Door opening	minimum free width 800 mm (excluding doorframe)	minimum free width 900 mm (excluding doorframe)	minimum width of any hallway is 800 mm	door width is minimum 800 mm (free width when door is open is minimum 770 mm)	minimum width 850 mm and height 2300 mm
Elevator	obligatory from 3 storey high buildings, internal dimensions 1100x1400 mm	generally obligatory with special feature	internal dimensions 1100x1400 mm; landings 1500x1500 mm; lift controls at height of 900 mm / 1200 mm from floor and 400 mm from the lifts internal front wall.	opening is minimum 800 mm, dimensions of the lift is minimum is 1000x1250 mm	obligatory from 12,5 meter high buildings; min internal dimensions 1050x1350 mm or 1050x2050 mm (more than 6 apartments); landing area 1500x1500 mm
Staircase	Minimum width 900 mm (handrails included); rise max 180 mm; step depth min 270 mm; handrails on both sides	minimum width 900 mm (handrails included), handrail on both sides and special marks on the steps	minimum width 900mm; rise max 170mm; step depth min 250mm	minimum width 1000 mm (handrails excluded); rise max 170 mm; step depth min 280 mm. For single family houses: minimum width 800 mm; rise max 180 mm; step depth min 240 mm	minimum width 800 mm; min free height above 2300 mm; rise max 183mm; step depth 220 mm
Entry	In apartment blocks barrier free, maximum threshold height of 20 mm	general maximum threshold height of 20 mm	maximum threshold height of 15mm	maximum threshold height of 20 mm	maximum threshold height of 20 mm
Inclines / ramps	maximum slope 8 %; with handrails on both side	maximum slope 6 %; with handrails on both side	no gradient exceeding 1:60 and/or no cross fall exceeding 1:40	maximum slope 5%	Maximum slope of 5%, minimum width 1100 mm, guide edge over total length with min height of 40 mm
Disabled parking	minimum width of 3600 mm	no requirements	minimum width of 3300 mm	minimum width of 3300 mm	no requirements