

Characteristics of a Well-Designed House

Use of Space

1. Does the home have distinct areas for the common activities we use homes for?
 - Living Area
 - Working Area
 - Sleeping Area
2. Does the arrangement of space provide for convenient and efficient traffic flow?
 - Are hallways provided to keep traffic out of living areas?
 - Are rooms grouped appropriately to allow traffic to flow easily?
3. Is the use of space flexible:
 - Can rooms be used for multiple purposes as needs change?
 - Does the size and shape of the room allow furniture to be rearranged?
4. Does the use of space suit the lifestyle of the homeowner?
 - Is there enough space for recreation and entertaining?
 - Are there enough bedrooms for all the occupants?
 - Does the size of the kitchen reflect its importance in the life of the occupants?
5. Is the layout of the kitchen convenient and efficient?
 - Is there a dining area in the kitchen or nearby?
 - Are the major appliances arranged in an efficient work triangle?
6. Is there enough storage space in accessible locations?
7. Is there sufficient space for utilities?
 - Is there a laundry room in a convenient location?
 - Are there enough washrooms for the number of occupants?