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## Barrier-Free Renovations

Most of us think of beautifying or increasing the resale value of a home when it comes to home renovations. However, an increasing number of homes are being modified for accessibility and "barrier free living".

This area of residential modification may be an investment worth investigating when considering the expected rise in our geriatric population.

In terms of accessibility, people with disabilities require modified homes to enable them to do tasks that most of us are lucky to take for granted such as taking a shower, or using the stove top. The use of some types of wheel chairs can make standard levels and sizes for home components unreachable so that daily tasks become difficult or nearly impossible to do.

Last year, a local television news program reported on the increase of home elevators being installed and showcased some new condos being outfitted with them. Some were luxury symbols and others were for practical concerns; it



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brought great convenience and independence to the life of one paraplegic woman who was interviewed for the segment.

For the aging population, living more comfortably in one's home and safeguarding against injury with such devices as safety tubs can mean prolonging the need for moving to an assisted living facility. And today's modifications are just as beautifying as they are purposeful.





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