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## **Foreword**

This Singapore Standard was prepared by a Working Group appointed by the Technical Committee on Liveability within Homes and Community which is under the direction of the Silver Industry Standards Committee.

Singapore is facing a rapidly ageing population and this has implications to the design of living environments for older people. When people age, they experience changes in their physical abilities and needs. These changes have implications in the way older people interact with their living spaces at home. Therefore, it is important that we consider design guidelines to provide for an age friendly home environment that minimises potential hazards and inaccessibility for older people.

In preparing this standard, reference was made to the publications in the Bibliography. The definition of 'Universal Design' has been reproduced from the NC State College of Design's website ([http://www.ncsu.edu/ncsu/design/cud/about\\_ud/about\\_ud.htm](http://www.ncsu.edu/ncsu/design/cud/about_ud/about_ud.htm)). Acknowledgement is made for the use of information from these publications.

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## **Guide for age-friendly homes**

### **Section One – General**

#### **1 Scope**

**1.1** This Singapore Standard provides guidance on the designs and improvements of the home environment to make the home safe and comfortable for older persons. In particular, it addresses the design and adaptation of specific areas within the home to accommodate ageing-in-place. It may also be applicable to younger people with degenerative conditions. The contents of this standard will be relevant to housing developers, architects, interior designers, renovation contractors, home owners and caregivers in creating an age-friendly living environment.

**1.2** This standard is based on assumed generic conditions and should be used as a good practice guide. The recommendations in this standard will not address the specific needs of older persons with special or high dependency needs such as disabilities, dementia and chronic diseases, as they may need additional accessibility and purpose-designed functions.

#### **2 Normative references**

There are no normative references in this standard. However, this standard makes recommendations to use the following publications:

BCA's Code on Accessibility in the Built Environment and Universal Design Guide

SS 485 : 2011 Specification for slip resistance classification of pedestrian surface materials