

# Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) Program <u>Builder Informational Series</u>



# Minimum Property Requirements (MPRs): An Overview

# VA Minimum Property Requirements (MPRs) for SAH Construction Projects

As an approved SAH Builder, it is imperative that you are familiar with VA Minimum Property Requirements (MPRs) for the Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) grant program.

MPRs are a required part of the SAH program and will need to be included in your bid as well as the final contract, plans and specifications.



MPRs are *not* a requirement of the SHA grant.





#### What are MPRs?

MPRs are absolute conditions specified under governing law for the SAH grant.

Any housing unit acquired, constructed, or remodeled using proceeds from the SAH grant program must:

- comply with the MPRs, and
- include features necessary to accommodate the Veteran's disabilities.



MPRs and priority adaptations will vary based on individual Veteran's disabilities.

### MPR Compliance



For the Veteran to receive grant approval, the MPRs for the following two (2) areas must be satisfied:

- Points of ingress and egress
- Primary bathroom

### MPR Compliance, continued



Additionally, when the grant is for a condominium or townhouse that is above the first floor, these areas must be addressed:

- Ingress and egress
- Emergency access
- Windows
- Balconies

More details regarding MPRs for condominiums and townhouses can be found in VA Manual 26-12, Appendix A.5 located at

https://benefits.va.gov/WARMS/docs/admin26/m26 12/appendix-a.pdf.



#### How to Learn More...

To learn more about MPRs, including specific details for each requirement area, or to find out more about the SAH program and the builder-specific requirements for participating in this meaningful program, check out the other titles in our Builder Informational Series.