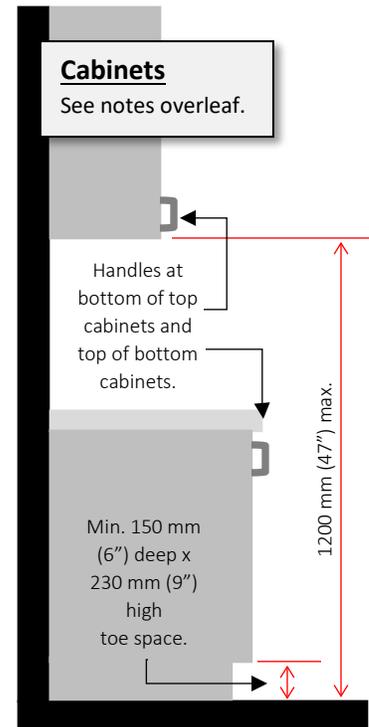
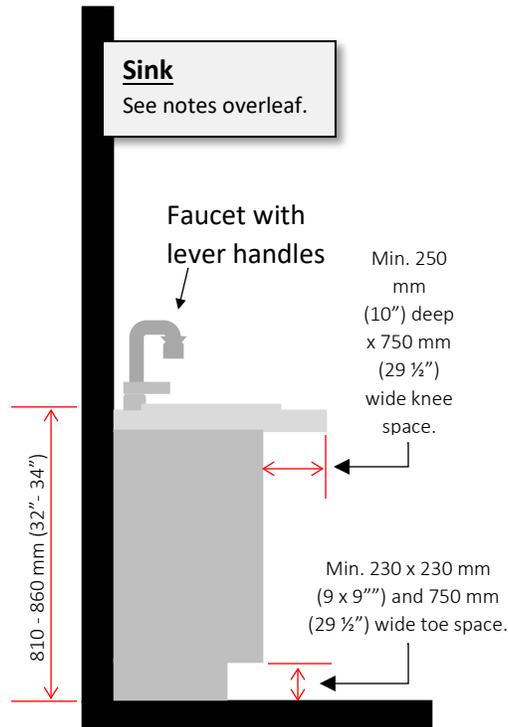
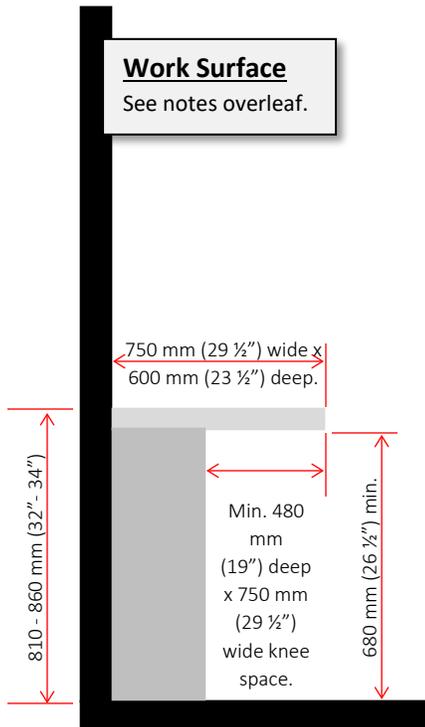
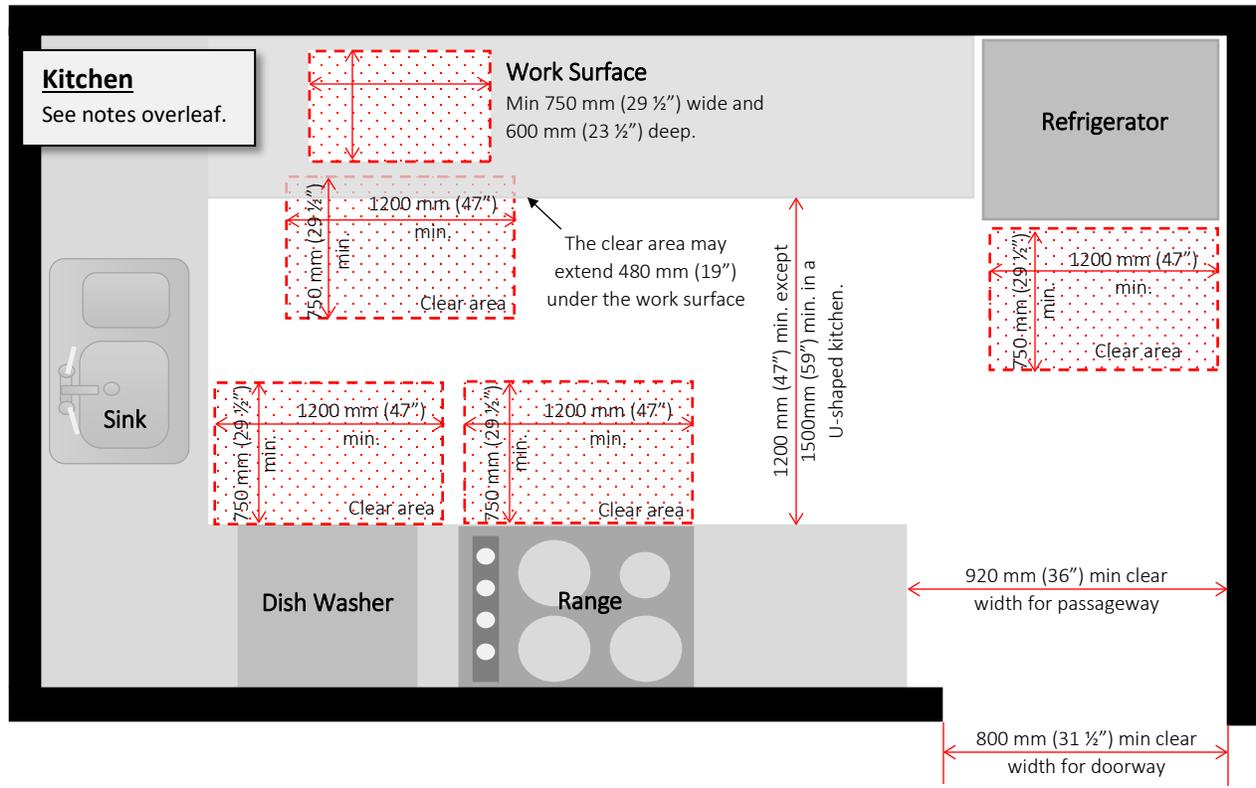


Barrier Free Kitchens for Residential & Care Occupancies

As required by the 2022 Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations (Accessibility Schedule "C") & the 2015 National Building Code of Canada



ACCESSIBLE / BARRIER FREE KITCHENS

For Residential and Care Occupancies

Listed below are the minimum acceptable Barrier Free design requirements for kitchens in Residential and Care occupancies. For full details please refer to Schedule "C" Accessibility of the 2022 Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations, specifically Section 3.8 Accessibility. At least **1 unit in every 20** in a Residential occupancy must be Barrier Free.

KITCHEN

- There must be a **minimum clearance** of 1200 mm (47") between counters and all opposing base cabinets, counters, appliances and walls. In a U-shaped kitchen this minimum clearance must be 1500 mm (59").
- A **clear floor area** that is 750 mm (29 ½") deep and 1200 mm (47") wide is required in front of each appliance.
- **Passageways** must have a minimum clear width of 920 mm (36").
- **Doorways** must have a minimum clear width of 800 mm (31 ½").

WORK SURFACE

- There must be **at least one work surface** that is at least 750 mm (29 ½") wide and 600 mm (23 ½") deep.
- The work surface **must be located** between 810-860 mm (32 - 34") above the floor level.
- The work surface must have a **clear floor area** 750 mm (29 ½") deep and 1200 mm (47") wide in front which may extend 480 mm (19") under the work surface.
- The work surface must have a **knee space** that is a minimum of 750 mm (29 ½") wide, 480 mm (19") deep & 680 mm (26 ½") high.
- The work surface must have at least **one electrical receptacle** located to the front or side of the work surface that is located 400-550 mm (16-22") above floor level.

SINK

- **The sink must be mounted** with the rim between 810-860 mm (32 - 34") above the floor.
- The sink must have a **knee space** that is a minimum of 750 mm (29 ½") wide & 250 mm (10") deep, and have a toe space that is 750 mm (29 ½") wide, 230 mm (9") deep and 230 mm (9") high.
- The sink must have a **clear floor area** 750 mm (29 ½") deep and 1200 mm (47") wide in front of the sink which may extend 480 mm (19") under the sink.
- The sink must have a **faucet** that is equipped with lever handles.

CABINETS

- **Base cabinets** must have a toe space that is a minimum 150 mm (6") deep and 230 mm (9") high.
- **If upper cabinets are provided** there must be at least one upper cabinet with a minimum of one shelf located no more than 1200 mm (47") above the floor level.
- **Cabinet doors and drawers** must have handles that are easily graspable. Handles must be mounted at the top of base cabinet doors and the bottom of upper cabinet doors.

CONTACT US

Contact HRM to obtain the required Building Permit, or to speak to a Building Official for advice and clarification of any of the requirements outlined above, by visiting our Customer Service Center located at **5251 Duke St, 3rd Floor, Suite 300, Duke Tower, Halifax**, or by calling 311.