

Garage and Carport Requirements

Wheelchair Accessible Homes

Specially Adapted Housing – Veterans Affairs Requirements for Garages and Carports

The Department of Veteran Affairs has very specific requirements for garage and carport accessibility. The requirements are used by any Veteran who requires specially adapted housing, but the standards can be helpful for anyone looking to build a home that is fully wheelchair accessible.

Here's an overview:

Height of Garage or Carport

Any garage or carport qualified for Specially Adapted Housing must have a minimum overhead door **height of 8 feet** for new construction, or 7 feet for existing construction.

Width/Dimensions of Garage or Carport

Single Car Garage or Carport

A single car garage or carport must be at least **14 feet 6 inches wide and 24 feet long**.

Double Car Garage or Carport

A double car garage or carport must be at least **24 feet wide and 24 feet long**.

In comparison, a standard double garage is often 19'x19' or 20'x20', so some significant enlarging may need to take place.

These minimum dimensions should allow the residents to have:

- **5 feet of unrestricted wheelchair maneuverability** on at least one side of the vehicle.
- **ample space to park** a specially equipped vehicle
- **access to the vehicle** as necessary

In addition, if a veteran uses a platform to enter and exit his or her vehicle, Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) standards require **sufficient space for the platform to ascend and descend**, and for the veteran to move on or off the platform.



Walkway or Ramp Requirements

If the garage or carport is detached, a walkway or ramp is required to connect the parking area to the home. This walkway must be covered.



Ask your builder if they can make your new home wheelchair accessible, and if so, what type of garage or carport they recommend as the most cost effective combination.

Or bring us any plans that you're considering, and we'll be happy to recommend which would work best and what changes might be required, and even set up a free initial inspection of your lot or land in order to prepare a specific package of home building costs and recommendations.

Have other questions on ADA requirements, universal design, or wheelchair accessibility in new homes?

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