

Wheelchair Ramps in Franklin County

There has been some recent confusion about the construction of wheelchair ramps for Senior Options participants. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was a landmark piece of legislation passed in 1990 to prohibit discrimination against persons with disabilities. The ADA does not provide any compliance regulations for ramps that are constructed at private residences. Each jurisdiction in Franklin County has its own regulations for ramp construction. The state of Ohio also has its regulations, the Ohio Residential Code.

For our Franklin County seniors who are wheelchair dependent, Senior Options is able to provide a ramp to assist with getting in and out of the home. Each ramp installed by the contractors working for the Franklin County Office on Aging meets the building code requirements of the jurisdiction in which the private home is located. Senior Options ramps are functional, but not fancy. There is no finish work provided, such as painting or staining of the ramp. Medium grade treated lumber is used, which should last ten years.

To be eligible, one must be age 60 or over, have a household income at or below 200% of poverty, and have a condition that confines one to a wheelchair.

For information about Senior Options services, please call (614) 525-6200.

