

Everything you need to know about Disabled Adapted Bathrooms

How much does a wet room cost UK?

The cost of a wet room in the UK depends on factors such as personal preference and the types and finish of materials you want. Typically they cost around £6-7K but a more standard wet room, such as those fitted in council and housing association properties can be fitted for under £5K.

How do I make my bathroom accessible?

These are the most common adaptations to 'future proof' a bathroom with accessibility in mind:

- Replace the bath with a level shower wet room
- Install a raised height toilet
- Install lever taps to make them easier to use
- Install a thermostatically controlled shower
- Fit grab rails at appropriate places in the bathroom
- Widen doorways to allow for wheelchair access

Can I get a grant for a wet room?

Yes, the Disabled Facilities Grant is a means-tested grant that many people are eligible for. You can find all the information you need to apply for this here.

There are a number of other funding bodies who might be able to provide help towards the cost of bathroom adaptations. We have compiled some useful information on these here.

Do I need planning permission for a wet room?

Nine times out of ten, planning permission for a wet room is not required. However if you are converting a garage or bedroom you may need to secure Building Control approval to ensure your plans are compliant with building regulations.

Funding options for disabled grants for home improvements

Disabled Facilities Grant is a popular means-tested funding option that has helped many people. For those who might not be eligible though, there may be alternative funding options provided by local councils, charitable organisations and other companies.

What is the difference between a wet room and a shower room?

A wet room has a completely uniform, sealed, level surface, without any changes in elevation such as steps, lips or trip hazards. In a shower room, there is a need to actually enter the shower and stand or sit within the shower tray. This tray can be 1-6 inches off the floor.

Are wet rooms a good idea?

Yes, we always recommend a wet room over options such as adapted baths because they can 'future-proof' your home in a much more reassuring way should circumstances change in the future. Wet rooms provide consistently safe, straight forward access even if the user's condition deteriorates over time and they represent the best long-term value for money.

Can I convert my garage into a wet room?

Yes, any room attached to a property can potentially be converted into a wet room. It is also possible to convert box rooms or spare bedrooms if necessary.

What is an adapted bath?

An adapted bath is a bath with special features. Often they have a sealed door to allow the user to walk in, this can only be done when the bath is empty which can mean sitting, cold and waiting while it fills, then waiting again for it to empty afterwards.

Lower- height baths are another common type of adapted bath which can be beneficial for people with very specific needs. They may look very attractive but can be costly and have no benefit over conventional baths for many people.

Baths adapted with lighting and speakers are also available which can be well suited for children or users with sensory needs.

Adapted baths generally cost around £8-10K

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