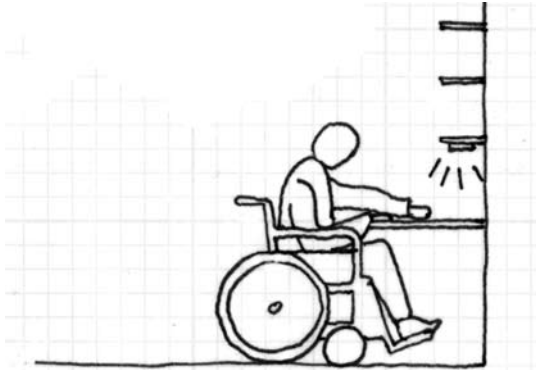


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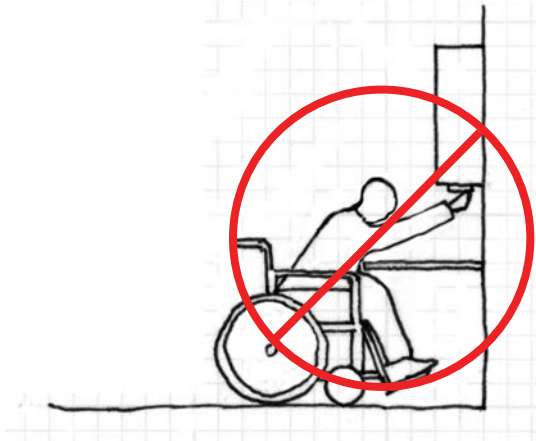
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Cabinets

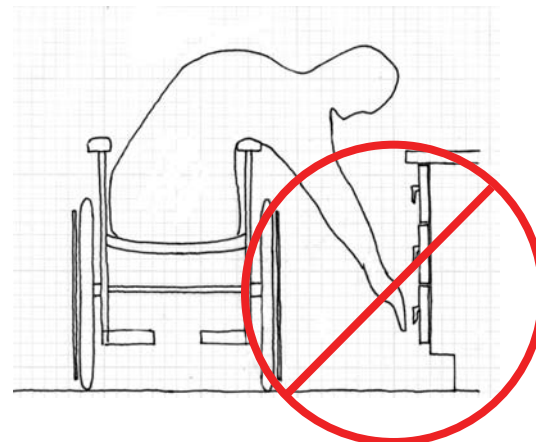
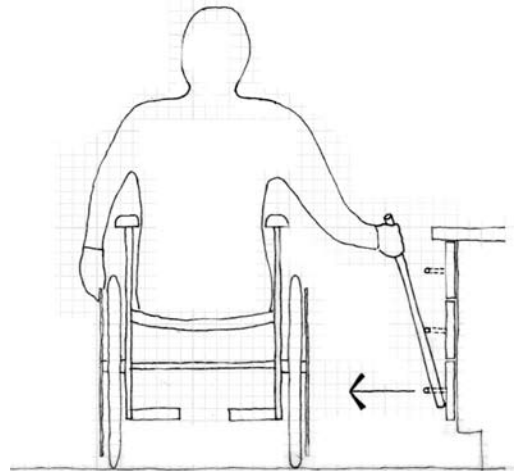
- Under-cabinet occupancy sensor lighting
- Accessible Design Pulls for Cabinets and Drawers



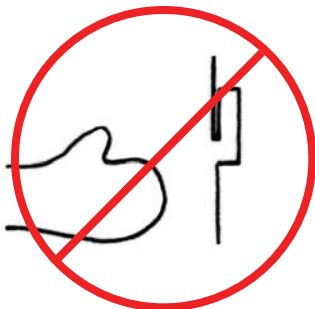
Although occupancy sensors for overhead and wall mounted lights have become standard, task lighting and under cabinet lighting tends to remain manually operated. The operating switches for these devices are often left in inaccessible locations. To ensure accessibility under-cabinet task lighting can now be operated via occupancy sensor.



Overhead cabinets also can be frustratingly inaccessible to wheel chairs. We recommend that necessary supplies that will be used repeatedly and often be kept in wall storage cabinets on shelves below 48".



Finally, when designing cabinets, and interior materials pallets, keep accessible design in mind. Flat latches, or recessed drawer pulls are appealing in their clarity and cleanliness, but are very difficult to open. To get an idea of the difficulties, imagine how frustrating it would be to open a flat latch while wearing a mitten.



One of our disabled clients needed to open drawers using a wooden pole. Select hardware that accommodates all possible occupants.