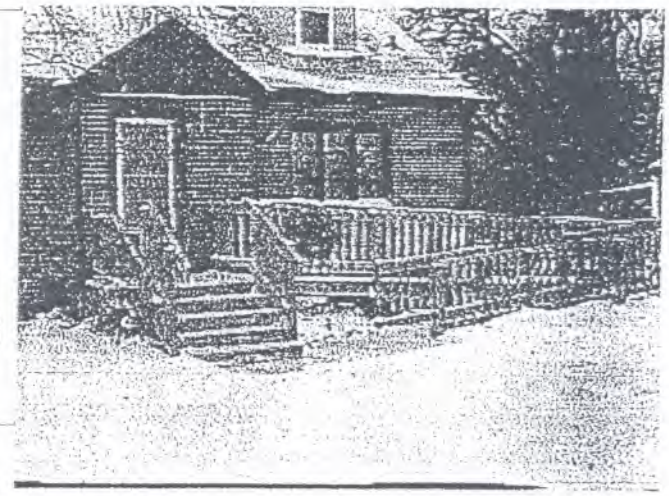
# The Home Ramp Project

## The Minnesota Ramp Project: *Making Homes Accessible*

*How to Build Wheelchair Ramps for Homes* is **a manual of design and construction for modular wheelchair ramps. This manual includes information about ramps and long-tread low-riser steps to improve safe home accessibility.**



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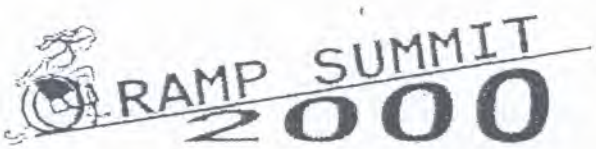
Important Information! Safety Tips find the proper slope to assure a safe and usable ramp.

**Success Stories** from programs around the country using modular ramps and steps.

**Funding Ideas**: Information about possible funding assistance for ramps and steps.

**Construction Materials** with notes on useful hardware and alternatives to CCA treated lumber.




Ramp Summit 2000: The Michigan *Ramp Summit 2000* was held March 15, 2000, with Bob Zimmerman as keynote speaker. One result is some information for group planning. As this section expands, you'll find more and more information to help your local group work with inspection officals, building professionals, funding partners, construction volunteers, and ramp users.

## The Manual:

- Preview the complete Ramp Manual using your web browser, which will link you to **every page** of the entire published manual.
- The RAMP Manual is also available in a single archive (a ZIP file) which is convenient for off-line browsing and group presentations. See the README.TXT file for details.
- You may also purchase a printed copy of the manual. *See ordering information below.*
- Check out some photos from the Ramp Project Teleconference.

## Videotapes:

- NEW VIDEO! **Tips for Building Modular Ramps and Steps**, a 30-

For many people with mobility impairments, long-tread low-riser steps can be easier and safer to use when compared to a 1:12 slope ramp. The large level area allows easy walker use, and the riser's short height makes stepping up and down easier than standard steps. Balance is easier to maintain on the flat steps than on a sloped surface; the steps require less space than a ramp and are less expensive. Like our ramps, the modular design allows the steps to be easily installed, used as long as needed, and removed for use at a new location.

Tips for using long-tread low-riser steps with a wheelchair. See a safe technique to use these steps to assist a person in a wheelchair.

For personal experiences using these accessibility steps, see the *in Motion* article referenced above.

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**Do you have a ramp project underway in your community?** Email Bob Zimmerman at bzimmerm@ngwmail.des.state.mn.us about your project for possible inclusion in a future directory. Bob will also try to field some of your questions, as time permits.

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# Ordering Information:

You may **purchase the construction manual or videos** from the Metropolitan Center for Independent Living (MCIL). The manual is $15 and videos (VHS only) are $20 each (prices subject to change without notice). Please make checks payable to "MCIL" and mail to:

**MCIL**
**1600 University Ave.**
**St. Paul, MN 55104-3825**

For ordering information, please contact Jim at (651)603-2029 voice; (651)603-2001 TDD; (651) 603-2006 Fax, or email Jim at MCIL2@aol.com. *(Extra charges may apply to international orders.)*

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The Computer Workshop, Seattle, Washington, graciously converted the manual (designed by Destiny 2 of Saint Paul) into a series of Web pages.

Thanks for the comments on these pages from many of you readers. It's been a great help. We all wish you well on your own ramp projects.

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