Common Problems that Make Patient Rooms Inaccessible

- Chairs, trays, bins, and other things are placed in accessible routes, maneuvering spaces at doors, clear floor spaces for fixtures, and/or turning spaces needed for individuals using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. (EXAMPLES: [LEFT] the trash bin blocks the maneuvering clearance at the door; [CENTER] the trash bin blocks the side-transfer space at the toilet; [RIGHT] the trash bin blocks the knee/toe clearance under the lavatory.)

- Beds are pushed either too close together or too close to the bathroom, making it difficult to open the bathroom door.
• The door is too narrow to get into the bathroom (doors must have at least 32” of clear width with the door open 90 degrees).

• Door hardware is incorrect. Door hardware must be operable with one hand and not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist. If a user cannot operate the hardware with a closed fist, it probably is not accessible.

• The door to the bathroom does not have the appropriate maneuvering clearance.
• There is not enough space for turning around in the bathroom.
• There is not enough clear space next to the toilet (due to the toilet being in alcove or other obstruction) to allow safe transfer.
• Grab bars are missing or mounted incorrectly.
• Flush controls are mounted too high.
• Flush controls are NOT mounted toward the open side of the toilet.
• The toilet is too low to allow for safe transfer.

• The shower spray unit is broken, and can no longer be used as a fixed shower head.