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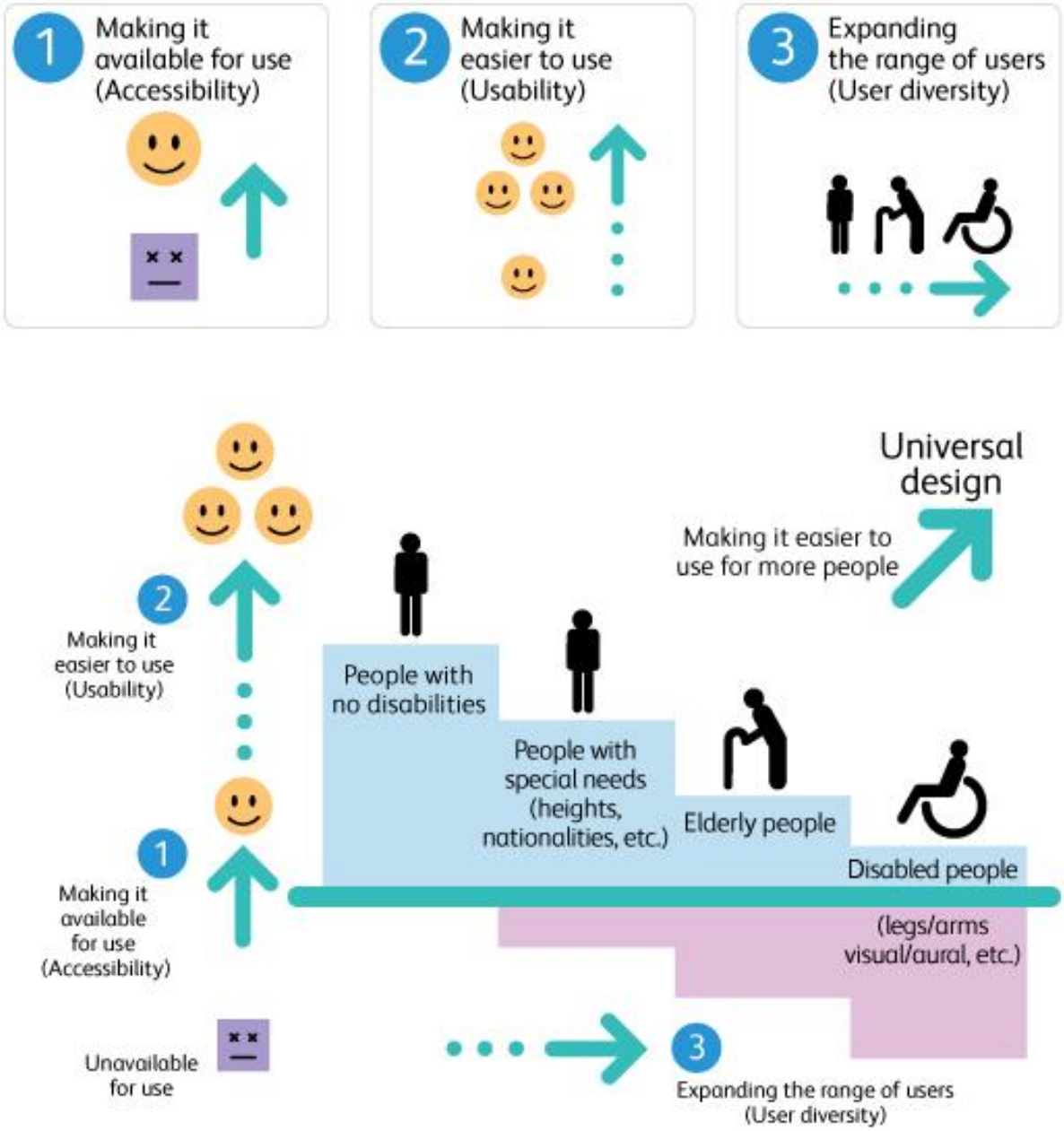

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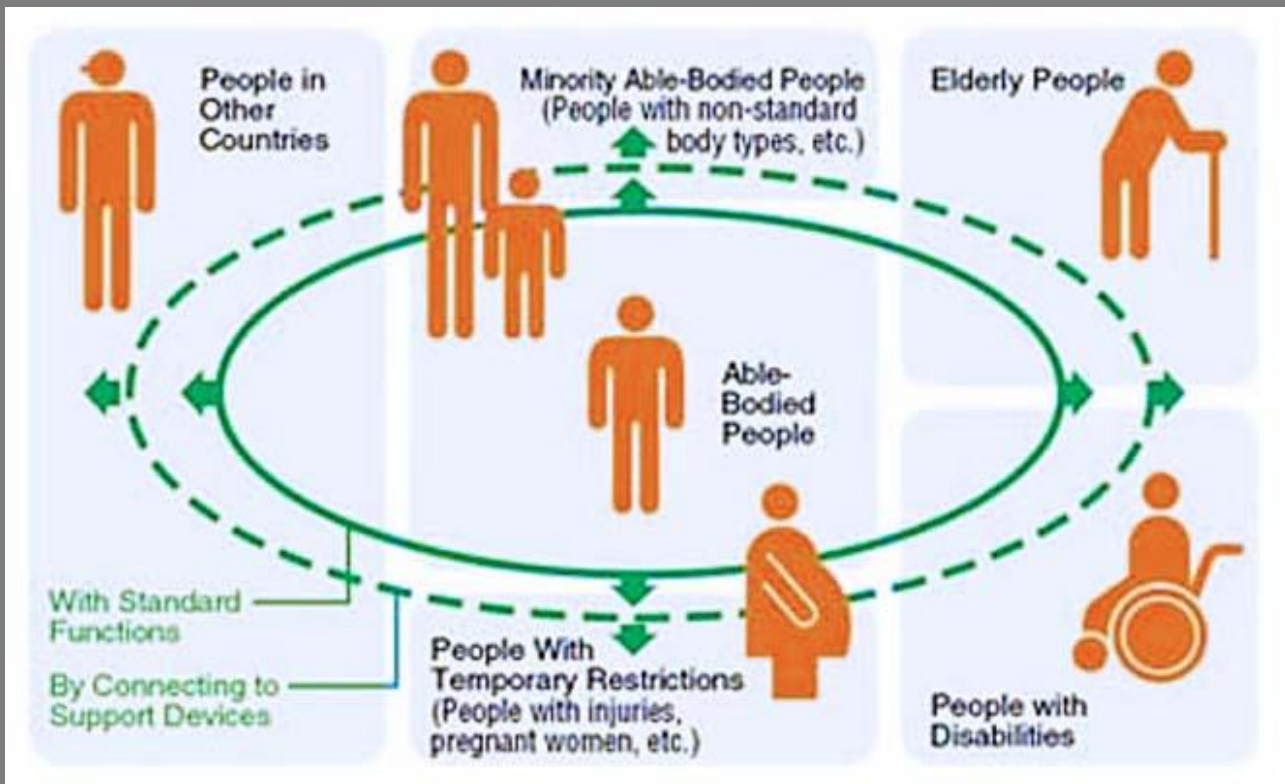

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Universal Design is an approach to home building, remodeling, and community development that centers on safety and ease of movement, both inside and outside of the home.

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The Principles of Universal Design

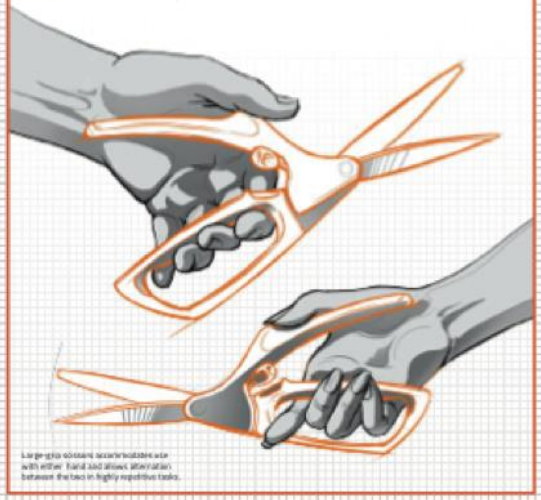
The design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.

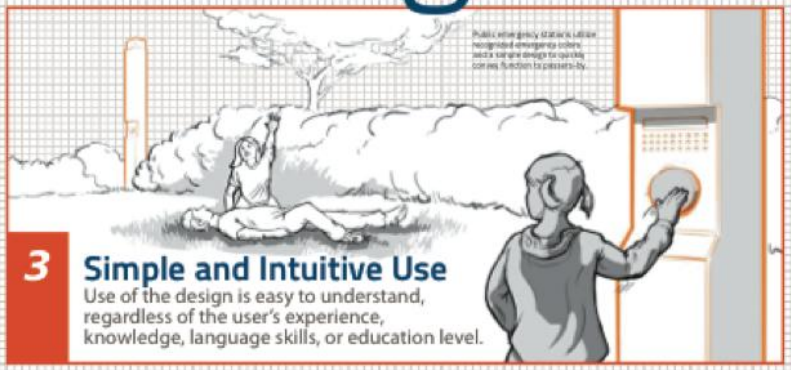
1 Equitable Use

The design is useful and marketable to people with diverse abilities.

2 Flexibility in Use

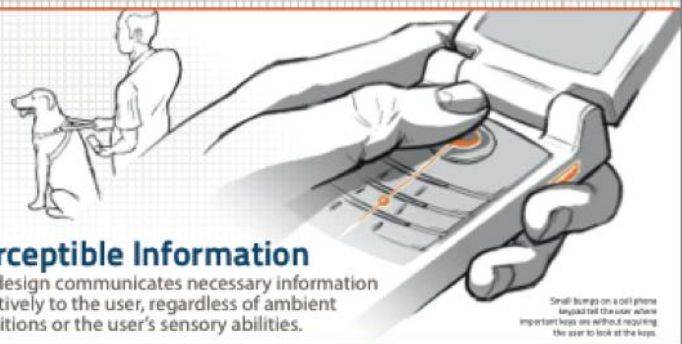
The design accommodates a wide range of individual preferences and abilities.





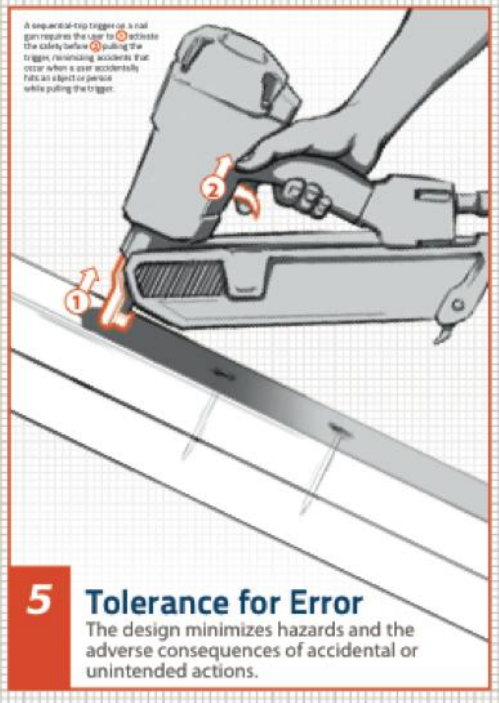
3 Simple and Intuitive Use

Use of the design is easy to understand, regardless of the user's experience, knowledge, language skills, or education level.



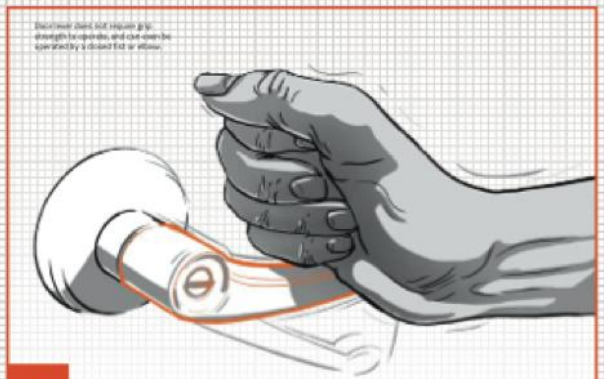
4 Perceptible Information

The design communicates necessary information effectively to the user, regardless of ambient conditions or the user's sensory abilities.



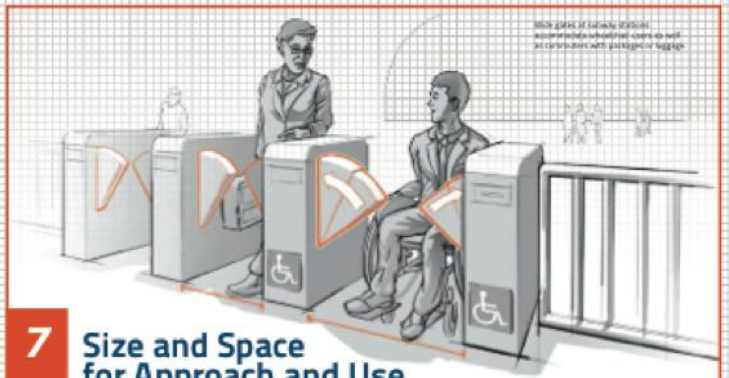
5 Tolerance for Error

The design minimizes hazards and the adverse consequences of accidental or unintended actions.



6 Low Physical Effort

The design can be used efficiently and comfortably and with a minimum of fatigue.



7 Size and Space for Approach and Use

Appropriate size and space is provided for approach, reach, manipulation, and use regardless of user's body size, posture, or mobility.

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Some refrigerators, such as this one at a retail appliance store in Orlando, are specially designed with removable freezer drawers that slide out, which gives Rossetti full reach; the refrigerator shelves do the same and have adjustable heights. Doors that swing far back are also helpful, Rossetti says.

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