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The Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access (IDEA) is dedicated to improving the design of environments and products by making them more usable, safer and appealing to people with a wide range of abilities throughout their life spans. Originally based on the concepts of accessible or “barrier free” design, our work has expanded to embrace the concept of universal design - i.e., the design of places and products that are usable by and desirable to a broad range of people, including those with disabilities and other often overlooked groups. The IDEA Center provides resources and technical expertise in architecture, product design, facilities management and the social and behavioral sciences to further these agendas.

We hope that this guidebook encourages its readers to promote the design of environments that are usable by everyone.

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