

# Interior Design Materials

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# Text Book

# Materials for Interior Environments

by Corky Binggely –Wiley publications

Other references:

- 1- Materials for engineering
- 2- Science for painting



second edition

## materials for

# INTERIOR ENVIRONMENTS



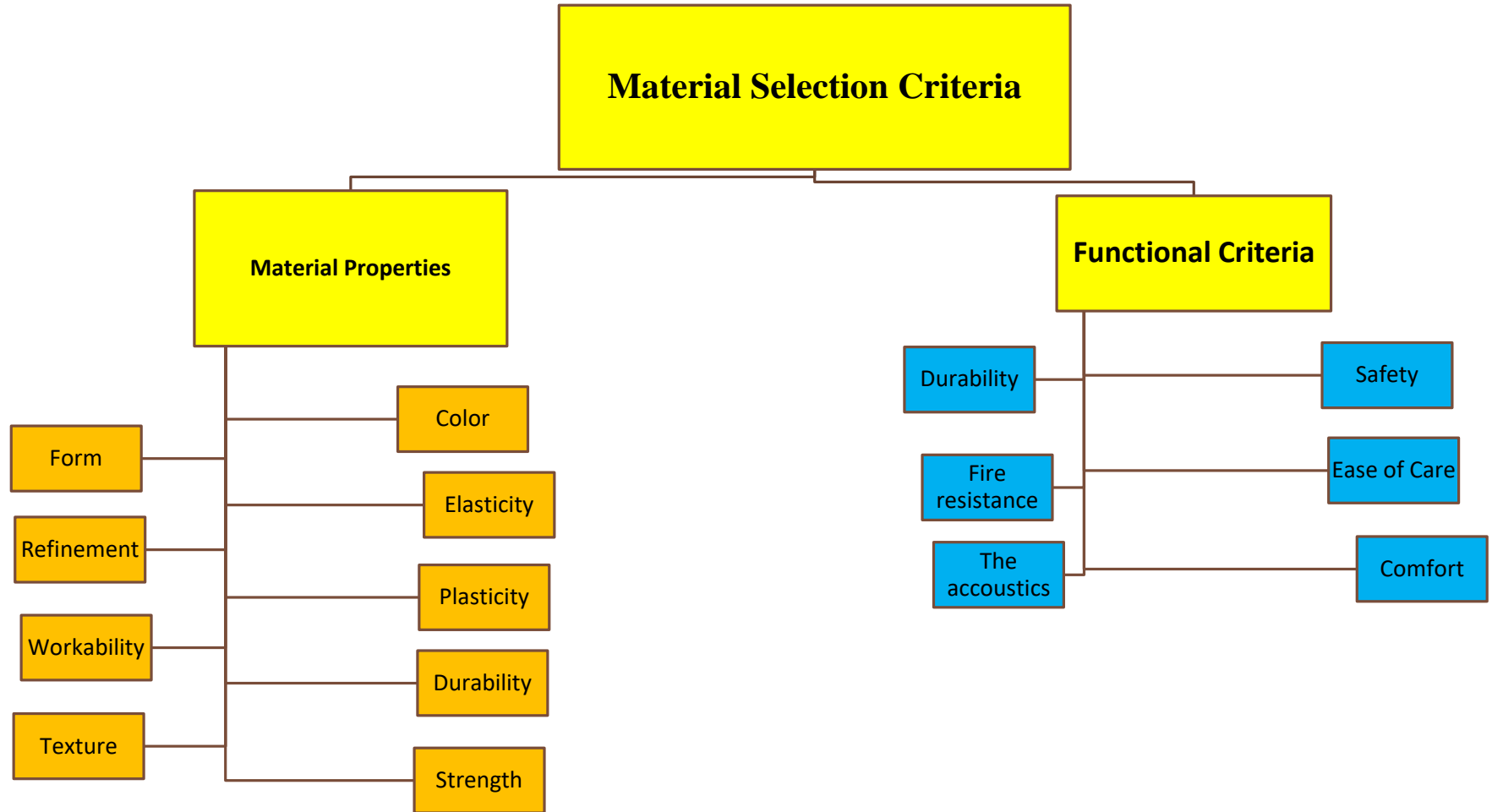
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| No | Date       | Lecture title                                      |
|----|------------|--|
| 1  | 03.10.2019 | Introduction- Material Selection and Specification |
| 2  | 10.10.2019 | Sustainability of Materials                        |
| 3  | 17.10.2019 | Concrete Based Material                            |
| 4  | 24.10.2019 | Stone Materials                                    |
| 5  | 31.10.2019 | Glass  |
| 6  | 07.11.2019 | Ceramic  |
| 7  | 14.11.2019 | Wood   |
| 8  | 21.11.2019 | Midterm  |
| 9  | 28.11.2019 | Plaster and Gypsum Boards                          |
| 10 | 05.12.2019 | Metal  |
| 11 | 12.12.2019 | Synthetics   |
| 12 | 19.12.2019 | Paints & Wall papers                               |
| 13 | 02.01.2020 | review   |

# Evaluation Criteria

|       | Evaluation Type | Marks | No | Date                     |
|-------|-----------------|-------|----|--------------------------|
| 1     | Daily reports   | 10    | 10 | Daily                    |
| 2     | Midterm         | 20    | 1  | 19-25.11.2019            |
| 3     | Term Report     | 15    | 1  | 19.12.2019               |
| 4     | Class Activity  | 5     | 1  | Daily                    |
| 5     | Quiz            | 10    | 2  | 07.11.2019<br>12.12.2019 |
| 6     | Final           | 40    | 1  | 13-24.01.2020            |
| Total |                 | 100   |    |                          |



# Lecture Content:

- Material Selection Criteria
  - A- Properties of Materials
  - B- FUNCTIONAL CRITERIA
- HEALTH AND SAFETY CODES
- Terms & Definition
- Finish and Furniture Tests and Classifications

# Material Selection and Specification



Interior designers select materials

- for its *aesthetic contribution* to the design concept.
- material's *appearance*.
- *acoustic* properties
- light *reflectance*.

\*The material's shape, texture, proportion, and scale are related to the balance and symmetry of the space and the harmony of the design



-The selection of materials is restrained by codes and regulations that have been instituted to ensure the public's safety.

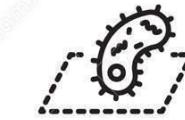
- For example, interior materials can either contribute potential fuel to a fire or resist ignition and flame spread.

# A- Describing the Properties of Materials

**1- Color:** property dependent on the quality and quantity of light; one or more innate colors, and possibly other colors if processed



**2- Durability:** ability to resist destructive forces, retain original appearance, and continue to function as intended.



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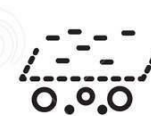
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NON BREATHABLE



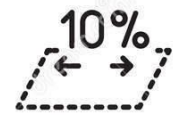
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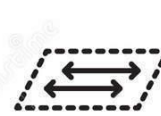
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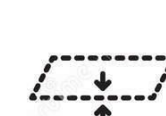
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WATER RESISTANT



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WINDPROOF



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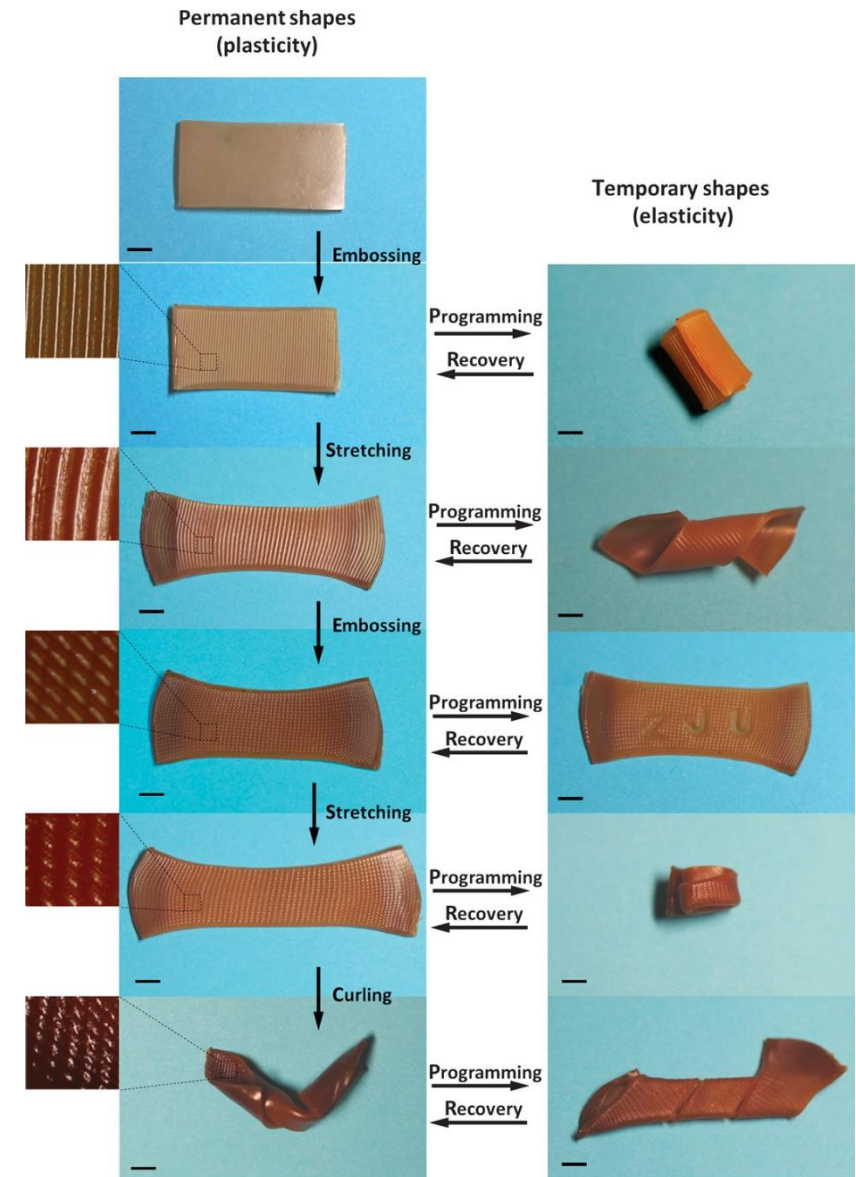
### 3- Elasticity:

resiliency or flexibility; the ability to return to initial form after deformation.

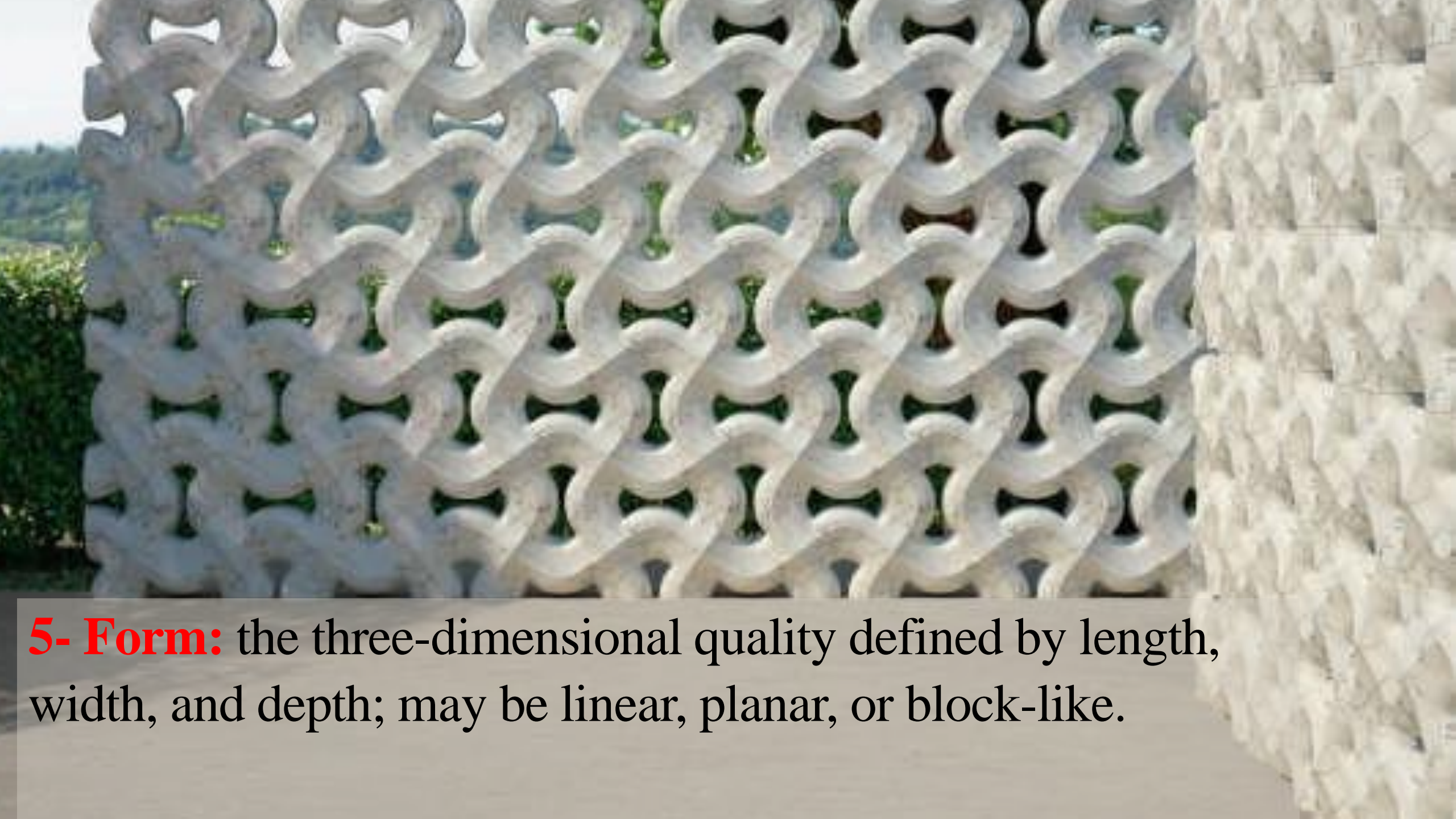




**4- Plasticity:** ability to be formed or shaped; allowing continuous deformation without rupturing or relaxing.







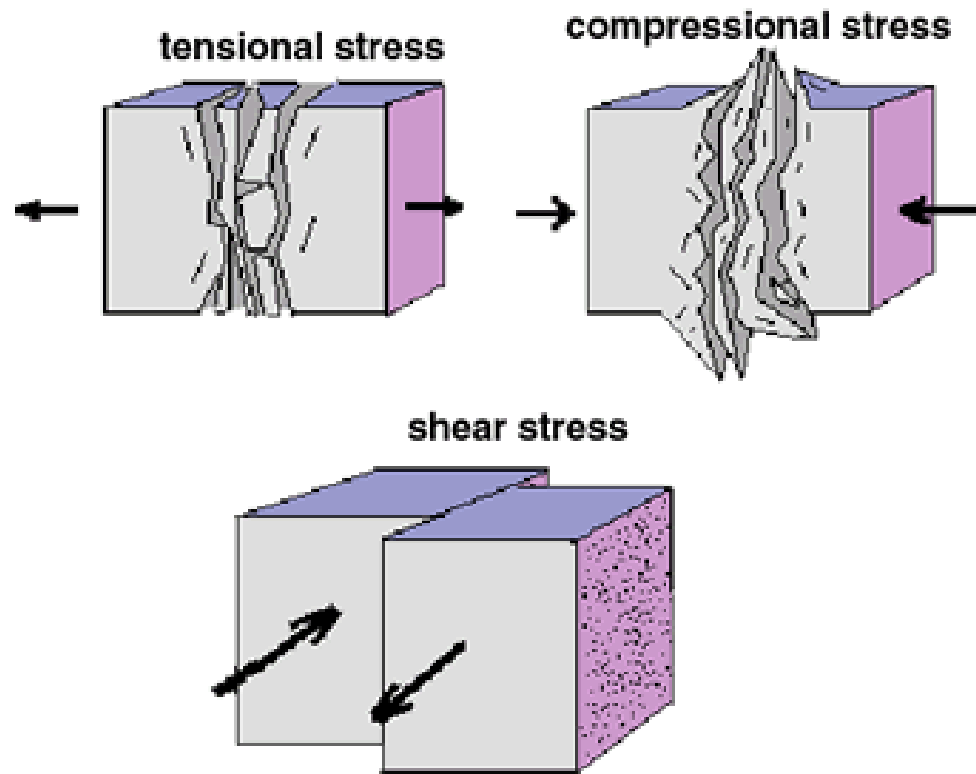
**5- Form:** the three-dimensional quality defined by length, width, and depth; may be linear, planar, or block-like.



**6- Refinement:** ability to form and retain precise, thin, closely spaced elements;  
depends on strength, durability, and manufacturing process.



**7- Strength:** ability to resist stress, to bend without breaking.





**8- Workability:**the ease of altering a material from its primary form.





## 9- Texture:

relative smoothness or roughness  
of a surface;  
may be large- or small-scale.





## B- FUNCTIONAL CRITERIA

The basic functional qualities of materials suggest their appropriate uses.

These include safety, durability, comfort, ease of care, fire resistance, and acoustic properties.

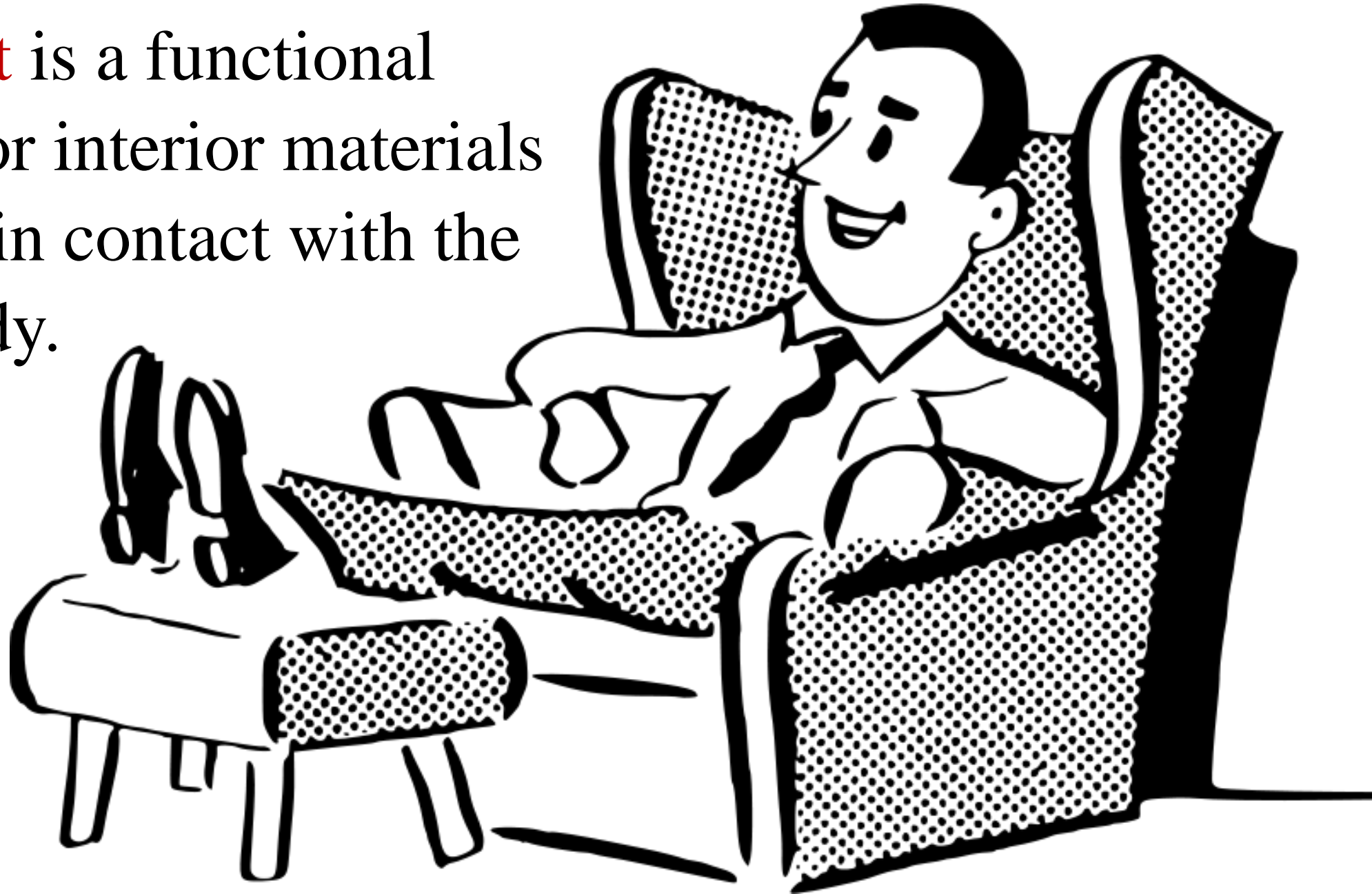
1- **Safety** issues for interior materials include **toxicity**, **health effects**, **slip resistance**, and **shatter resistance**.



**2- Durability** involves evaluating a material for its ability to stand up to its intended use.



**3- Comfort** is a functional criterion for interior materials that come in contact with the human body.





4- Ease of care affects a material 's continued performance over time.





5- Fire resistance designers often limit their initial material selections to those that meet the requirements of fire codes.

- ability of a material to ignite and burst into flame
- some materials produce toxic chemicals that may be odorless and produce no smoke or flame.
- how much smoke it will produce and whether fire will quickly spread across its surface.



6- The acoustic properties of interior materials affect the acoustic quality of a space by **absorbing** or **reflecting** sound within it, and by **transferring sound** from one space to another



# HEALTH AND SAFETY CODES

buildings that support human health and safety.

Whether a project is large or small, the interior designer benefits from an awareness of the impact it will have on the welfare of its users and the community of which it is part.



# Building Codes

a designer determines which codes are applicable.

The International Code Council (ICC) publishes the International Codes (I Codes).

The International Building Code® (IBC) or codes based on it have been widely accepted throughout the United States.

Other I-Codes with provisions related to interior materials include:



- ✓ International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings® (IRC)
- ✓ International Existing Building Code® (IEBC)
- ✓ International Green Construction Code® (IGCC)





# Occupancy Classifications

Occupancy classifications were developed to address **risk factors** associated with specific types of building use. They consider the way a **space** is used

The **occupant load** is closely related to the occupancy classification. Interior materials-related code issues affected by occupancy include **accessibility requirements**, **finish** and **furniture** selection and **placement**, and **means of egress**.

The **occupant load**: the number of people that is assumed to safely occupy a space or building.

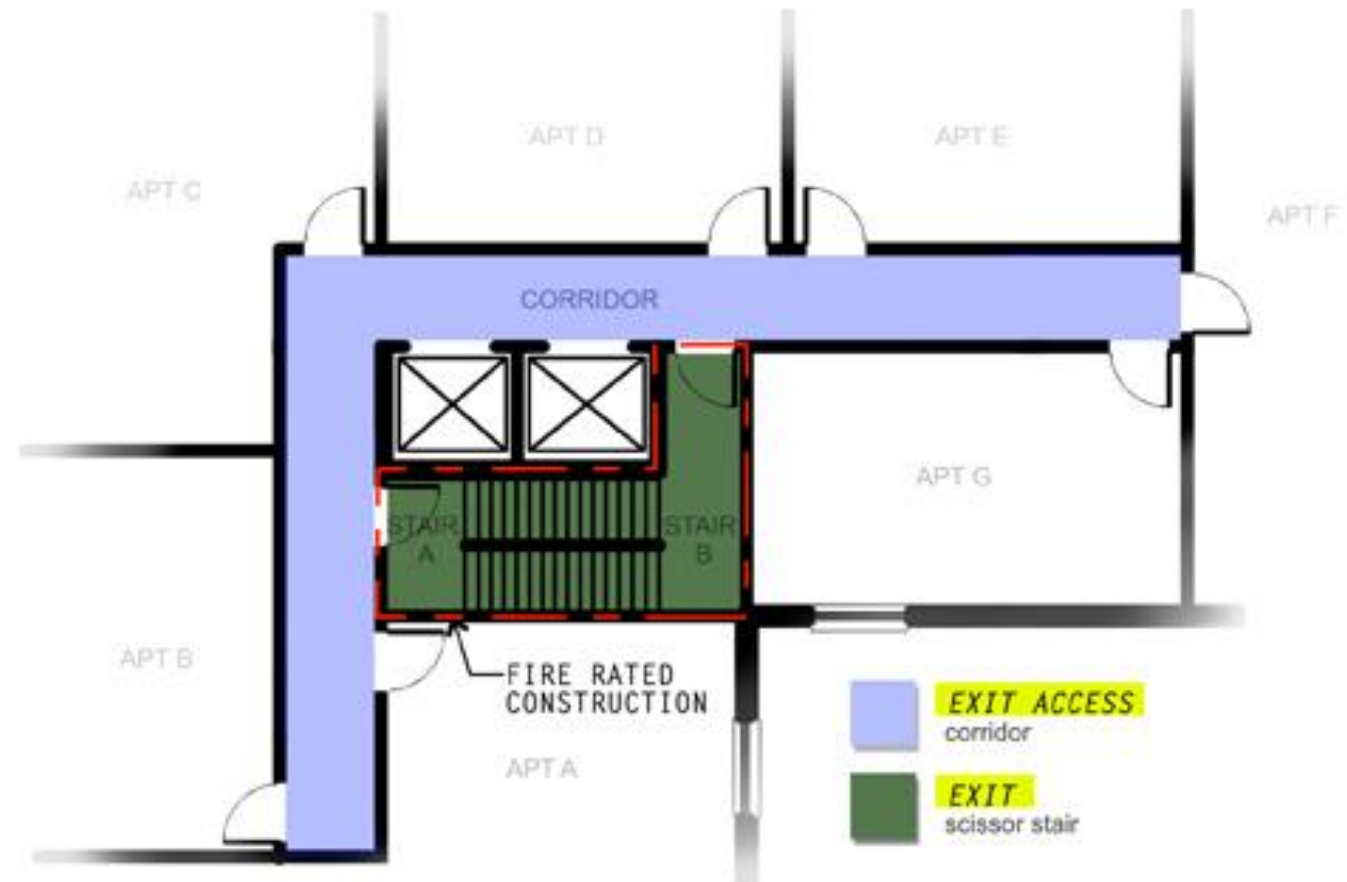


# Building Construction Types

Building construction types are classified by building codes according to their resistance to fire. Building elements rated in hours include bearing and non-bearing walls and partitions and floor construction and secondary members

(ease of ignition, length of burn, flame spread, and heat generation).

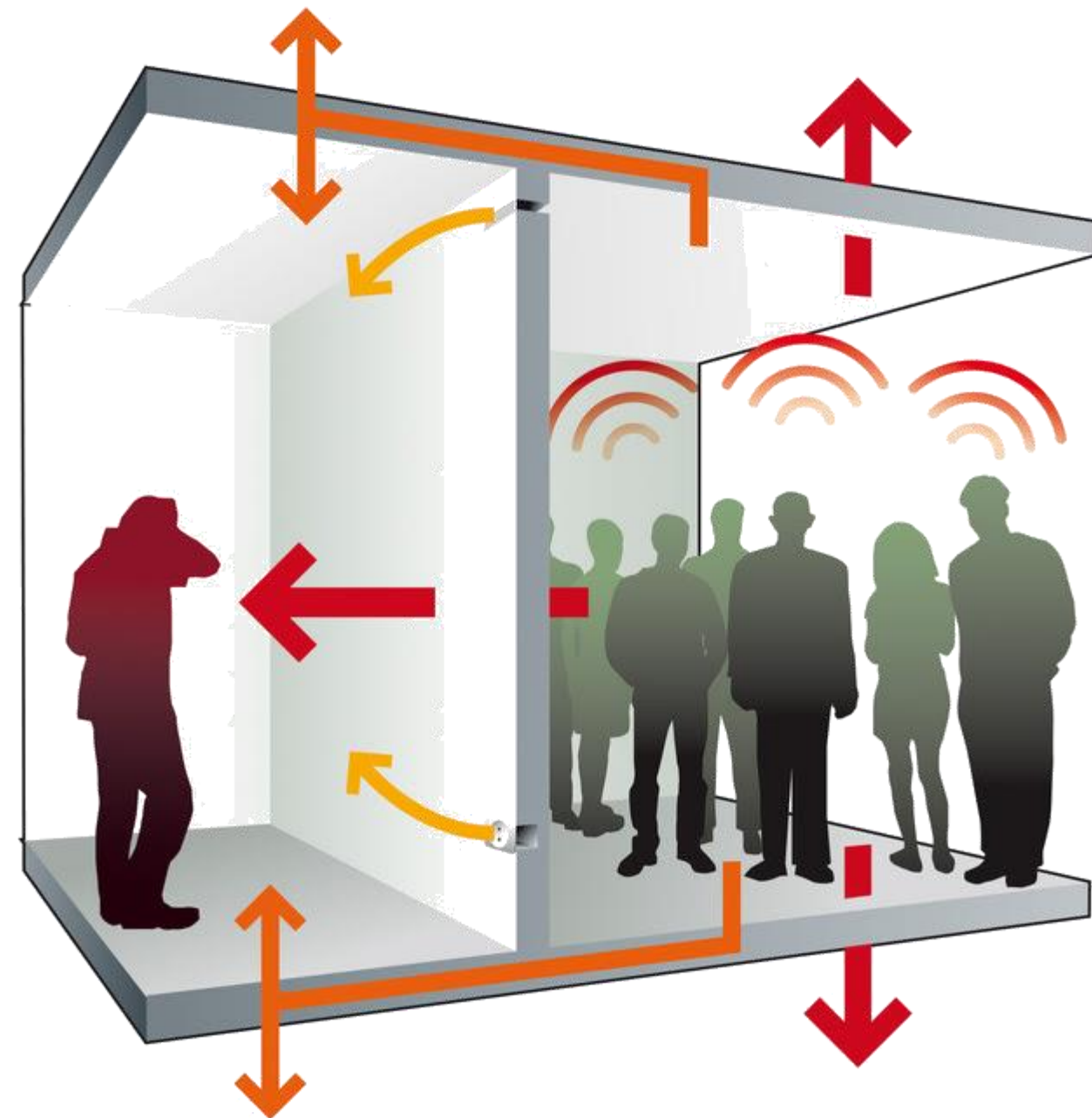
**Means of egress** is defined as a continuous and unobstructed path of travel from any point in a building to its exterior or a public way.





# Sound Transmission

These requirements for specific **sound transmission coefficient (STC)** levels affect the selection of materials and their use in assemblies.



Transmission du bruit : → directe / → indirecte ou latérale / → parasite

# Residential Codes

| Code  | Comments   |
|---|--|
| International Residential Code (IRC)  | Single- and two-family homes, duplexes, and townhouses   |
| ICC 700, National Green Building Standards (NGBS or ICC 700)                      | Used with IRC; requirements for resource, water, energy efficiency, and indoor environmental quality |
| ASHRAE/IESNA 90.2, Energy- Efficient Design of New Low-Rise Residential Buildings | Energy efficiency standard   |
| International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)                                     | Includes chapter on residential buildings  |
| Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines (FHAG)                                      | Accessibility Requirements   |

## Finish and Furniture Tests and Classifications

The process of identifying the appropriate finish classification begins with identifying the occupancy classification of the building or space, and whether it is a new or existing building.

Tests for finishes and furniture look at the potential of the material to contribute to the overall fire and smoke growth and spread



| Test                            | Description  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Mattress Test</b>            | Pass/fail test used to determine heat release, smoke density, generation of toxic gases, and weight loss when a mattress is exposed to a flame |
| <b>Methenamine Pill Test</b>    | Pass/fail flammability test required for all carpets and certain rugs manufactured for sale in U.S.  |
| <b>Radiant Panel Test</b>       | Measures tendency to spread a fire, and minimum energy required to sustain a flame for carpet, resilient and hardwood flooring, wall base      |
| <b>Room Corner Test</b>         | For napped, tufted, or looped textiles used as coverings on walls and ceilings   |
| <b>Smolder Resistance Test</b>  | Tests how new upholstered furniture smolders before either flaming or extinguishing (Cigarette Ignition Test)                                  |
| <b>Steiner Tunnel Test</b>      | Tests flame spread and smoke developed for interior finishes applied to walls, ceilings  |
| <b>Toxicity Test</b>            | Measures the amount of toxicity a material emits when it is burned (LC50 or Pitts Test)  |
| <b>Upholstered Seating Test</b> | Pass/fail flame-resistance test for entire piece of furniture  |
| <b>Vertical Flame Test</b>      | Pass/fail test for vertical treatments (window treatments, large wall hangings, and decorative plastic films)                                  |

# HUMAN FACTORS AND MATERIAL SELECTION

The selection of materials are culturally and age- appropriate, and designed to fit a variety of human sizes and shapes.

- Privacy
- Security
- Personal interior spaces reflect the character of their owners
- The materials for social spaces are usually chosen to suit the intended group of users.
- Materials for hospitality spaces and restaurants demand a high level of aesthetic discrimination.
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**Accessible design** addresses the requirements of a **single group** within the larger population, specifically, people with **disabilities**.

An accessible design for a public space should meet the needs of a broad range of users.

**Slip-resistant** materials without **irregularities** should be selected for walking surfaces.





# Universal design

It differs from accessible design by addressing as **widespread a group** as possible. Many of the same features that promote safety and independence for seniors, such as handrails and nonslip flooring, also function well for the general population



## UNIVERSAL DESIGN:

Making Design Accessible To Everyone In Society.

# Cost Estimating

To respect a client's budget, a designer should provide guidance as to where money can be spent wisely, and where it makes sense to economize.

One of the most important budgetary considerations for interior designers is the **life-cycle cost** of a product

transportation, installation, maintenance, upgrade, refurbishment, disposal, and recycling

