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Improving the Accessibility of a Kitchen

To enhance the ease of loading dishes, raise the dishwasher 12" off the floor, aligning the top rack with the counter. When replacing the dishwasher consider a dishwasher in a drawer. These units fit in the 24" width of a cabinet and can wash up to ten place settings. The dishwasher is installed just below the countertop and is easy to load.

A hot water dispenser installed near the cook top eliminates the need to juggle a pot of hot water from the sink across the room to the stove, thereby minimizing the chance of burns.

The toe kick under the cabinetry needs to be 8" high to allow a wheelchair cook to access the counters. The tall toe kick can be a pull out step or access to a central vacuum port.

A cook top is preferable to a stove/oven combination because the space under the cook top can be left open for a wheelchair occupant's access. A roll out cart under the cook top can store the most used cookware and provide a prep surface on its top.

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