

Single Family Bathrooms Design Guidance

Unisex toilet & bathrooms

In assembly and mercantile occupancies, an accessible unisex toilet room shall be provided where an aggregate of six or more male and female water closets is required. In buildings of mixed occupancy, only those water closets required for the assembly or mercantile occupancy shall be used to determine the unisex toilet room requirement. In recreational facilities where separate-sex bathing rooms are provided, an accessible unisex bathing room shall be provided. Fixtures located within unisex toilet and bathing rooms shall be included in determining the number of fixtures provided in an occupancy.

Exception: Where each separate-sex bathing room has only one shower or bathtub fixture, a unisex bathing room is not required.

Unisex toilet rooms

Unisex toilet rooms shall include only one water closet and only one lavatory. A unisex bathing room in accordance with International Building code section 1109.2.1.3 shall be considered a unisex toilet room.

Exception: A urinal is permitted to be provided in addition to the water closet in a unisex toilet room.

Unisex bathing rooms

Unisex bathing rooms shall include only one shower or bathtub fixture. Unisex bathing rooms shall also include one water closet and one lavatory. Where storage facilities are provided for separate-sex bathing rooms, accessible storage facilities shall be provided for unisex bathing rooms.

Permitted locations

Unisex toilet and bathing rooms shall be located on an accessible route. Unisex toilet rooms shall be located not more than one story above or below separate-sex toilet rooms. The accessible route from any separate-sex toilet room to a unisex toilet room shall not exceed 500 feet (152m).

Prohibited locations

In passenger transportation facilities and airports, the accessible route from separate-sex toilet rooms to a unisex toilet room shall not pass through security checkpoints.

Clear floor space

Where doors swing into a unisex toilet or bathing room, a clear floor space not less than 30 inches by 44 inches (762mm by 1219mm) shall be provided, within the room, beyond the area of the door swing.

Privacy

Doors to unisex toilet and bathing rooms shall be securable from within the room.

Doors

Doors shall not swing into the clear floor or ground space or clearance for any fixture.

Exception: Where a clear floor or ground space complying with the International Building Code section 305.3 is provided within the room, beyond the arc of the door swing.

Overlap

Clear floor or ground spaces, clearances, and wheelchair turning spaces are permitted to overlap.

Water closet

The water closet shall be positioned with a wall to the rear and to one side. The centerline of the water closet shall be 16 inches by 18 inches (405mm by 455mm) maximum from the sidewall.