

4658.4150 PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE TOILET ROOMS; NEW CONSTRUCTION.

The layout for physically accessible toilet rooms must include items A to M.

A. Toilet rooms for wheelchair users must be arranged to allow movement for the frontal, oblique, and lateral angle approach.

B. The door opening must have a clear opening of at least 32 inches, and must be located within an area in front of the toilet. Hinged doors must swing out, or must be double acting and be provided with an emergency-type release stop. Privacy door locks must be of a type which can be opened by staff in an emergency.

C. The center of the toilet must be located 18 inches from the side wall and there must be at least four feet of unobstructed space in front of the bowl. All basic interior room dimensions must be at least 66 inches.

D. The toilet must be mounted at a height of 17 to 19 inches above the floor, measured to the top of the seat. The bowl must be elongated with an open front seat.

E. Flush valves must be a quiet operating type.

F. The paper holder must be securely anchored on the side wall near the toilet, 19 to 25 inches above the floor, and six to 12 inches in front of the seat with both dimensions measured to the center of the holder.

G. An L-shaped grab bar, each leg at least 18 inches long, must be provided, securely anchored on the side wall near the toilet. The low end of the vertical leg must be mounted at a height of ten inches above the toilet seat and at a distance of 12 inches in front of the seat, and the horizontal grab bar must extend toward the back wall.

H. A horizontal grab bar must be mounted on the wall at the rear of the toilet at a height of 33 to 36 inches above the floor. The grab bar must be at least 36 inches long.

I. Grab bars must have an outside diameter of 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 inches, and must provide a clearance of 1-1/2 inches between the grab bar and the wall. Grab bars must be securely anchored to sustain a load of 250 pounds for five minutes.

J. The sink, with or without a counter top, must be accessible and must not interfere with general wheelchair movements. It must be mounted at a height of 34 inches above the floor, measured to the top edge, and must provide a vertical clearance of at least 27 inches for knee space. A standard-type sink which meets these conditions is acceptable.

K. A towel bar must be provided at a height of 42 to 44 inches. It must be a horizontal grab bar.

L. If a mirror is provided, and is mounted flush to the wall, the bottom of the mirror must be placed at a height of 36 inches and the top at a height of at least 66 inches. Tilting mirrors are allowed provided they are mounted to meet the needs of the residents.

M. A shelf large enough to accommodate a resident's personal toilet accessories must be provided at a height of 32 to 36 inches, unless space is provided by a suitable sink or a counter.

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