



SUBJECT

All-Gender Toilet Facilities

PIN: 65

Effective: 1/03/2017



BACKGROUND

As a result of the enactment of Assembly Bill 1732 (Chapter 818, Statutes of 2016) the following will be required effective March 1, 2017:

- All single-user toilet facilities in any business establishment, place of public accommodation, or state or local government agency shall be identified as all-gender toilet facilities by signage that complies with Title 24, California Building Standards Code and designated for use by no more than one occupant at a time or for family or assisted use.
- During any inspection of a business or a place of public accommodation by an inspector, building official, or other local official responsible for code enforcement, the inspector or official may inspect for compliance with this section.
- “Single-user toilet facility” means a toilet facility with no more than one water closet and one urinal with a locking mechanism controlled by the user.
- This section shall become operative on March 1, 2017.

POLICY

Designation of previously permitted male or female single-accommodation toilet facilities as “all-gender” requires a project permitted by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHDP). These projects may be accomplished as a “FREER” with Field Review Required. For projects currently in review, prior to approval, revisions to the documents may be made when called to the attention of the OSHDP reviewer on a subsequent back-check submittal. For projects under construction, the change requires an amended construction document to the previously approved documents. New projects involving provision of staff and/or public single-accommodation toilet facilities submitted after the effective date of this Policy Intent Notice will be reviewed for conformance with the requirements of Health and Safety Code 118600 and all applicable requirements of the Title 24, California Building Standards Code, including determination of the minimum number of required fixtures per user group and accessibility provisions of the Division of the State Architect.

Signage

As required by California Building Code (CBC) Section **11B-703 Signs**:

11B-703.1 General. Signs shall comply with *Section 11B-703*. Where both visual and tactile characters are required, either one sign with both visual and tactile characters, or two separate signs, one with visual, and one with tactile characters, shall be provided.

11B-703.1.1 Plan review and inspection. *Signs as specified in Section 11B-703, or in other sections of this code, when included in the construction of new buildings or facilities, or when included, altered or replaced due to additions, alterations or renovations to existing buildings or facilities, and when a permit is required, shall comply with Sections 11B-703.1.1.1 and 11B-703.1.1.2.*

11B-703.1.1.1 Plan review. *Plans, specifications or other information indicating compliance with these regulations shall be submitted to the enforcing agency for review and approval.*

11B-703.1.1.2 Inspection. *Signs and identification devices shall be field inspected after installation and approved by the enforcing agency prior to the issuance of a final certificate of occupancy per Chapter 1, Division II, Section 111, or final approval where no certificate of occupancy is issued. The inspection shall include, but not be limited to, verification that Braille dots and cells are properly spaced and the size, proportion and type of raised characters are in compliance with these regulations.*

Signage shall be provided in compliance with CBC Section **11B-216.8**:

11B-216.8 Toilet rooms and bathing rooms. Where existing toilet rooms or bathing rooms do not comply with *Section 11B-603*, directional signs indicating the location of the nearest toilet room or bathing room complying with *Section 11B-603* within the facility shall be provided. Signs shall comply with *Section 11B-703.5* and shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with *Section 11B-703.7.2.1*. Where existing toilet rooms or bathing rooms do not comply with *Section 11B-603*, the toilet rooms or bathing rooms complying with *Section 11B-603* shall be identified by the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with *Section 11B-703.7.2.1*. Where clustered single user toilet rooms or bathing facilities are permitted to use exceptions to *Section 11B-213.2*, toilet rooms or bathing facilities complying with *Section 11B-603* shall be identified by the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with *Section 11B-703.7.2.1* unless all toilet rooms and bathing facilities comply with *Section 11B-603*. *Existing buildings that have been remodeled to provide specific toilet rooms or bathing rooms for public use that comply with these building standards shall have the location of and the directions to these rooms posted in or near the building lobby or entrance on a sign complying with Section 11B-703.5, including the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with Section 11B-703.7.2.1.*

11B-216.8.1 Geometric symbols. *Geometric symbols complying with Section 11B-703.7.2.6 shall be provided at entrances to toilet and bathing rooms.*

It should be noted that designation of all-gender single-accommodation toilet facilities does not relieve a facility from providing future path of travel accessibility upgrading/compliance for existing non-accessible toilet facilities associated with Alterations, Additions and Structural Repairs.

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