



SUBJECT

All-Gender Toilet Facilities

PIN: 65

Effective: 1/03/2017

Revised: 7/08/2020



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 became operative on March 1, 2017.

POLICY

Designation of previously permitted male or female single-accommodation toilet facilities as “all-gender” requires a field confirmation by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) as detailed in the “FREER.” For projects currently in review, prior to approval, revisions to the documents may be made when called to the attention of the OSHPD reviewer on a subsequent back-check submittal. For projects under construction, the change is considered a non-materially altered change. 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

When 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.*

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.

Original signed

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Date