

Barrier Free Washroom Requirements 2012 Ontario Building Code Division B

3.8.3.8. Water Closet Stalls and Enclosures (see attached illustrations)

- 1) Every barrier-free water closet stall or enclosure in a washroom described in Sentence 3.8.2.3.(3) or (4) shall,
 - a) have a clear turning space within the stall or enclosure of at least 1 500 mm in diameter,
 - b) have a clear floor space in front of the stall or enclosure of at least 1 500 mm in diameter,
 - c) be equipped with a door that,
 - i) is capable of being latched from the inside with a mechanism conforming to Subclause 3.8.1.5.(1)(b)(ii),
 - ii) in an open position, has a clear opening of at least 860 mm wide,
 - iii) swings outward, unless 820 mm by 1 440 mm clear floor area is provided within the stall to permit the door to be closed without interfering with the wheelchair,
 - iv) is self-closing so that, when at rest, the door remains open not more than 50 mm beyond the jamb,
 - v) is provided with a horizontal, D-shaped, visually contrasting door pull on both sides of the door, mounted on the vertical centre line of the door, located at a height not less than 800 mm and not more than 1 000 mm above the finished floor,
 - vi) is aligned with a clear transfer space required by Subclause (2)(a)(ii) or Clause (2)(b), and
 - vii) is capable of having the latch required by Subclause (i) released from the outside in case of an emergency,
 - d) be equipped with a water closet conforming to Article 3.8.3.9. that is located in accordance with Clause (2)(a) or (b),
 - e) be equipped with a coat hook mounted not more than 1 200 mm above the finished floor on a side wall and projecting not more than 50 mm from the wall,
 - f) have a clearance of at least 1 700 mm between the outside of the stall face and the face of an in-swinging washroom door and 1 400 mm between the outside of the stall face and any wallmounted fixture or other obstruction, and
 - g) be equipped with a toilet paper dispenser mounted on the side wall closest to the water closet so that,

- i) the dispenser is located below the grab bar,
- ii) the closest edge of the dispenser is 300 mm from the front of the water closet seat, and
- iii) the bottom of the dispenser is 600 mm to 800 mm above the finished floor.
- 2) A water closet described in Clause (1)(d) shall be,
 - a) located so that,
 - i) the centre line of the water closet is not less than 460 mm and not more than 480 mm from one side wall, and
 - ii) a clear transfer space at least 900 mm wide and 1 500 mm deep is provided on the other side of the water closet, or
 - b) located so that a clear transfer space at least 900 mm wide and 1 500 mm deep is provided on each side of the water closet. Where a water closet is located in accordance with Clause (2)(a),
- 3) Where a water closet is located in accordance with Clause (2)(a),
 - a) a grab bar conforming to Sentences (5) and (7) shall be provided on the side wall referred to in Subclause (2)(a)(i),
 - b) a fold-down grab bar may be provided and, if one is provided, it shall conform to Sentence (8) and be provided on the side of the water closet opposite the grab bar described in Clause (a), and
 - c) a grab bar conforming to Sentences (6) and (7) shall be provided on the wall behind the water closet.
- 4) Where a water closet is located in accordance with Clause (2)(b),
 - a) a fold-down grab bar conforming to Sentence (8) shall be provided on each side of the water closet, and
 - b) a grab bar conforming to Sentences (6) and (7) shall be provided on the wall behind the water closet.
- 5) A grab bar described in Clause (3)(a) shall,
 - a) be continuous L-shaped with 750 mm long horizontal and vertical components, and
 - b) be wall mounted with the horizontal component 750 mm above the finished floor and the vertical component 150 mm in front of the water closet.
- 6) A grab bar described in Clause (3)(c) or (4)(b) shall,
 - a) be at least 600 mm in length, and
 - b) be wall mounted horizontally from 840 mm to 920 mm above the finished floor and, where the water closet has a water tank, be wall mounted 150 mm above the tank.
- 7) A grab bar described in Clause (3)(a) or (c) or (4)(b) shall,

- a) be installed to resist a load of at least 1.3 kN applied vertically or horizontally,
- b) be not less than 30 mm and not more than 40 mm in diameter,
- c) have a clearance of not less than 38 mm and not more than 50 mm from the wall to the inside surface of the grab bar, and
- d) have a slip-resistant surface.
- 8) A fold-down grab bar described in Clause (3)(b) or (4)(a) shall,
 - a) be mounted on the wall behind the water closet,
 - i) with the horizontal component 750 mm above the finished floor, and
 - ii) not less than 390 mm and not more than 410 mm from the centre line of the water closet,
 - b) not require a force of more than 22.2 N to pull it down,
 - c) be at least 750 mm in length,
 - d) be installed to resist a load of at least 1.3 kN applied vertically or horizontally,
 - e) be not less than 30 mm and not more than 40 mm in diameter, and
 - f) have a slip-resistant surface.
- 9) A fold-down grab bar installed in accordance with Sentence (8) is permitted to encroach into,
 - a) the clear turning space described in Clause (1)(a), or
 - b) a clear transfer space described in Subclause (2)(a)(ii) or Clause (2)(b).
- 10) Where an ambulatory water closet stall is required by Sentence 3.8.2.3.(6), it shall,
 - (a) be at least 1 500 mm in depth and be not less than 890 mm and not more than 940 mm in width,
 - (b) be equipped with a door that shall,
 - i) be capable of being latched from the inside with a mechanism that is operable using a closed fist,
 - ii) when the door is in an open position, have a clear opening of at least 810 mm,
 - iii) swing outward, unless the minimum dimensions in Clause (a) are not located within the door swing,
 - iv) be provided with spring-type or gravity hinges so that the door closes automatically,
 - v) be provided with a door pull on both sides of the door, near the latch side of the door, located at a height not less than 900 mm and not more than 1 100 mm above the finished floor, and
 - vi) be capable of having the latch required by Subclause (i) released from the outside in the case of an emergency,
 - (c) be equipped with a water closet conforming to Article 3.8.3.9. and located so that its centre line is centred between the partition walls,

- (d) be equipped on each side of the water closet with grab bars conforming to Clause (3)(a), and
- (e) be equipped with a coat hook conforming to Clause (1)(e).

3.8.3.9. Water Closets

- 1) A water closet described in Clause 3.8.3.8.(1)(d) or (10)(c) or 3.8.3.12.(1)(d) shall,
 - a) be equipped with a seat located at not less than 430 mm and not more than 485 mm above the finished floor,
 - b) flush automatically or be equipped with a flushing control that,
 - i) is located between 500 mm and 900 mm above the finished floor,
 - ii) is operable from the transfer side, and
 - iii) is operable using a closed fist and with a force of not more than 22.2 N, and
 - c) be equipped with a back support where there is no seat lid or tank.

3.8.3.10. Urinals (see attached illustration)

- 1) Where more than one urinal is provided in a washroom described in Sentence 3.8.2.3.(3) or (4), at least one urinal shall,
 - a) be mounted with the rim located not more than 430 mm above the finished floor,
 - b) have a clear floor space at least 800 mm wide that is perpendicular to, and centred on, the urinal and is unobstructed by privacy screens, and
 - c) have no step in front of it.
- 2) A urinal described in Sentence (1) shall,
 - a) flush automatically or be equipped with a flushing control that is,
 - i) located between 900 mm and 1 100 mm above the finished floor, and
 - ii) operable using a closed fist and with a force of not more than 22.2 N, and
 - b) have installed on each side, a vertically mounted grab bar that,
 - i) complies with Article 3.8.3.8.(7),
 - ii) is not less than 600 mm long, with its centre line 1 000 mm above the finished floor, and
 - iii) is located not more than 380 mm from the centre line of the urinal.
- 3) Where privacy screens are installed for a urinal described in Sentence (1), they shall,
 - a) be mounted a minimum of 460 mm from the centre line of the urinal, and
 - b) have a clearance of at least 50 mm from the grab bars required by Clause (2)(b).
- 4) Where more than one urinal is provided in a washroom described in Sentence 3.8.2.3.(6), at least one urinal conforming to Sentences (1) to (3) shall be provided in the washroom. Where more

than one urinal is provided in a washroom described in Sentence 3.8.2.3.(6), at least one urinal conforming to Sentences (1) to (4) shall be provided in the washroom.

3.8.3.11. Lavatories, Mirrors and Washroom Accessories

- 1) A washroom described in Sentence 3.8.2.3.(2), (3) or (4) shall be provided with a lavatory that shall,
 - a) be located so that the distance between the centre line of the lavatory and the side wall is not less than 460 mm,
 - b) have a rim height not more than 865 mm above the finished floor,
 - c) have a clearance beneath the lavatory not less than,
 - i) 920 mm wide,
 - ii) 735 mm high at the front edge,
 - iii) 685 mm high at a point 200 mm back from the front edge, and
 - iv) 350 mm high over the distance from a point 280 mm to a point 430 mm back from the front edge,
 - d) have insulated pipes where they would otherwise present a burn hazard or have water supply temperature limited to a maximum of 43°C,
 - e) be equipped with faucets that,
 - i) operate automatically or comply with 3.7.4.2.(11)(b)(i) and (ii), and
 - ii) are located so that the distance from the centre line of the faucet to the edge of the basin or, where the basin is mounted in a vanity, to the front edge of the vanity, is not more than 485 mm,
 - f) have a minimum 1 370 mm deep floor space to allow for a forward approach, of which a maximum of 500 mm can be located under the lavatory,
 - g) have a soap dispenser that,
 - i) operates automatically or is operable using a closed fist and with a force of not more than
 22.2 N, and
 - ii) is located not more than 1 100 mm above the finished floor, within 500 mm from the front of the lavatory, and,
 - h) have a towel dispenser or other hand drying equipment that is,
 - i) located to be accessible to persons in wheelchairs,
 - ii) located so that the dispensing height is not more than 1 200 mm above the finished floor,
 - iii) operable with one hand, and
 - iv) located not more than 610 mm, measured horizontally, from the edge of the lavatory.

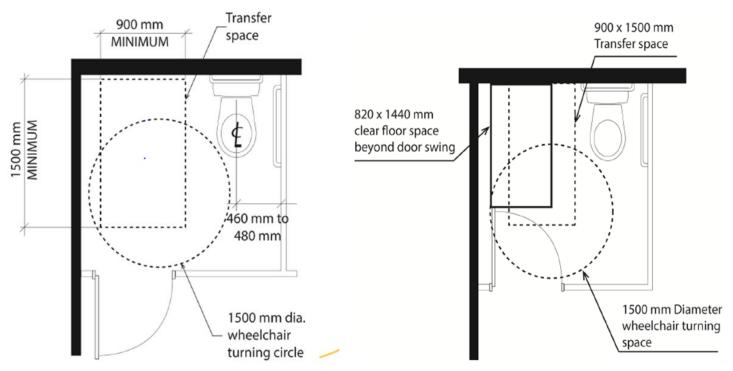
- 2) If mirrors are installed in a washroom described in Sentence 3.8.2.3.(2), (3) or (4), at least one mirror shall be,
 - a) installed above a lavatory required by Sentence (1), and
 - b) mounted with its bottom edge not more than 1 000 mm above the finished floor or inclined to the vertical to be usable by a person in a wheelchair.
- 3) If dispensing or hand-operated washroom accessories, except those located in water closet stalls or described in Clause (1)(g), are provided, they shall be mounted so that,
 - a) the dispensing height is not less than 900 mm and not more than 1 200 mm above the finished floor,
 - b) the controls or operating mechanisms are mounted not less than 900 mm and not more than 1 200 mm above the finished floor, and
 - c) a minimum 1 370 mm deep floor space is provided in front of the controls or operating mechanisms to allow for a front approach.
- 4) Where a shelf is installed above a lavatory required by Sentence (1), it shall,
 - a) be located not more than 200 mm above the top of the lavatory and not more than 1 100 mm above the finished floor, and
 - b) project not more than 100 mm from the wall.
- 5) A washroom described in Sentence 3.8.2.3.(6) shall be provided with a lavatory conforming to Clauses (1)(e), (g) and (h).

3.8.3.12. Universal Washrooms (see attached illustrations)

- 1) A universal washroom shall,
 - a) be served by a barrier-free path of travel,
 - b) have a door that,
 - i) complies with Article 3.8.3.3.,
 - ii) has a graspable latch-operating mechanism that is,
 - A. operable using a closed fist and with a force of not more than 22.2 N, and
 - B. located between 900 mm and 1 000 mm above the finished floor, and
 - iii) is capable of being locked from the inside and released from the outside in case of emergency,
 - c) have one lavatory conforming to Sentences 3.8.3.11.(1), (3) and (4),
 - d) have one water closet conforming to Article 3.8.3.9. that is located in accordance with Clause 3.8.3.8.(2)(a) or (b),

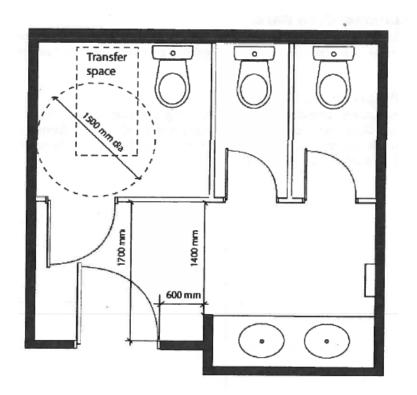
- e) have grab bars conforming to,
- f) Sentence 3.8.3.8.(3), if the water closet is located in accordance with Clause 3.8.3.8.(2)(a), or
 - i) Sentence 3.8.3.8.(4), if the water closet is located in accordance with Clause 3.8.3.8.(2)(b),
 - ii) have no internal dimension between walls that is less than 1 700 mm,
- g) have a coat hook that conforms to Clause 3.8.3.8.(1)(e) and a shelf that is located not more than 1 100 mm above the finished floor and projects not more than 100 mm from the wall,
- h) be designed to permit a wheelchair to turn in an open space not less than 1 700 mm in diameter,
- i) be provided with a door equipped with a power door operator,
- j) be provided with a mirror,
 - 1) installed above a lavatory described in Clause (1)(c), and
 - 2) mounted with its bottom edge not more than 1 000 mm above the finished floor or inclined to the vertical to be usable by a person in a wheelchair, and
- k) have lighting controlled by a motion sensor conforming to Sentence 12.2.4.1.(2).
- 2) A universal washroom shall have,
 - (a) an emergency call system that consists of audible and visual signal devices inside and outside of the washroom that are activated by a control device inside the washroom, and
 - (b) an emergency sign that contains the words in the event of an emergency push emergency button and audible and visual signal will activate in letters at least 25 mm high with a 5 mm stroke and that is posted above the emergency button.
- 3) A clear space not less than 810 mm wide and 1 830 mm long shall be provided in each universal washroom for an adult-size change table.
- 4) Where the clear space provided for an adult-size change table is adjacent to a wall, reinforcement shall be installed in the wall to permit the future installation of the change table.
- 5) Where an adult-size change table is installed, it shall,
 - a) when fully loaded, have a surface height above the finished floor that can be adjusted from between 450 mm and 500 mm at the low range to between 850 mm and 900 mm at the high range,
 - b) be designed to carry a minimum load of 1.33 kN,
 - c) have a clear floor space parallel to the long side of the table not less than 760 mm wide and1 500 mm long, and

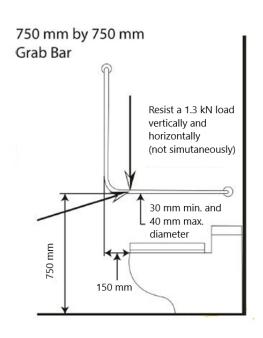
- d) in the case of a fold-down table,
 - i) be installed so that it does not encroach into a clear transfer space described in Clause 3.8.3.8.(2)(a) or (b), and
 - ii) have no operating mechanisms higher than 1 200 mm.
- 6) A universal washroom need not conform to Sentences (3) and (4) if,
 - a) it is located in an individual suite that,
 - i) is used for an assembly occupancy, a business and personal services occupancy, a mercantile occupancy or an industrial occupancy, and
 - (i) meets one of the following requirements,
 - (A) it is located in a building that is less than 300 sq m in building area, or
 - (B) it is less than 300 sq m in area, if located in a building that is at least 300 sq m in building area, or
 - b) another universal washroom conforming to this Article is provided on the same floor level within 45 m.



3.8.3.8.(2)(a) Transfer Space from a side wall

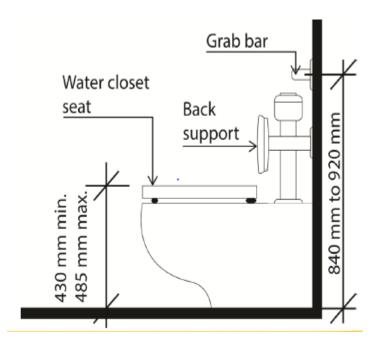
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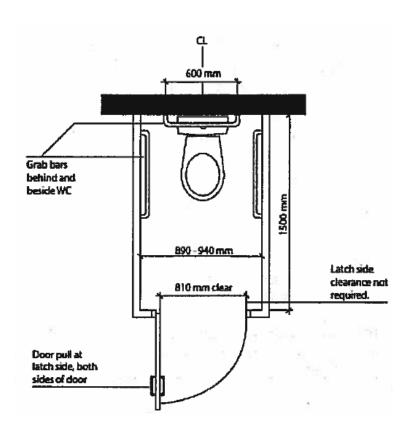


3.8.3.8.(5) L-Shaped Grab Bar

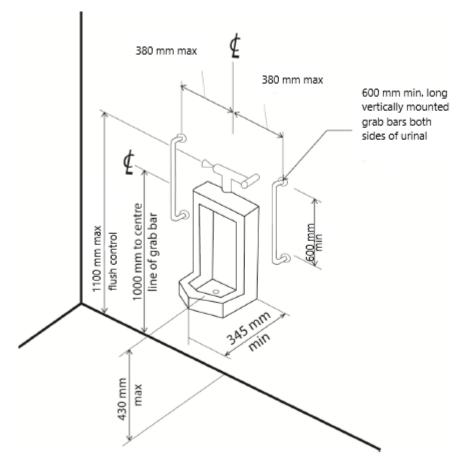
A-3.8.8.(1)(f) Washroom Clearances



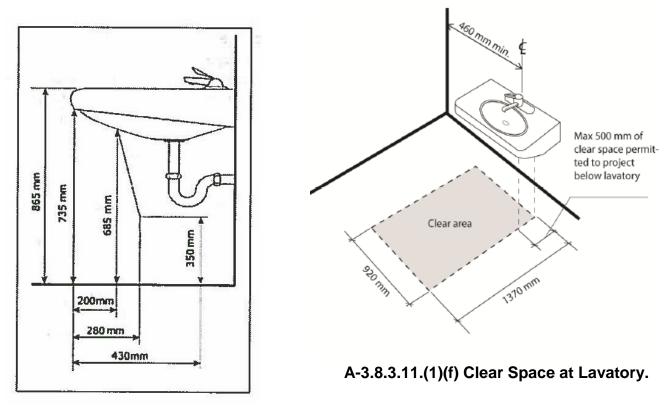
3.8.3.9.(1)(a) – Seat Height 3.8.3.8.(6)(b) – Grab Bar Height



A-3.8.3.8.(10) Ambulatory Water Closet Stall

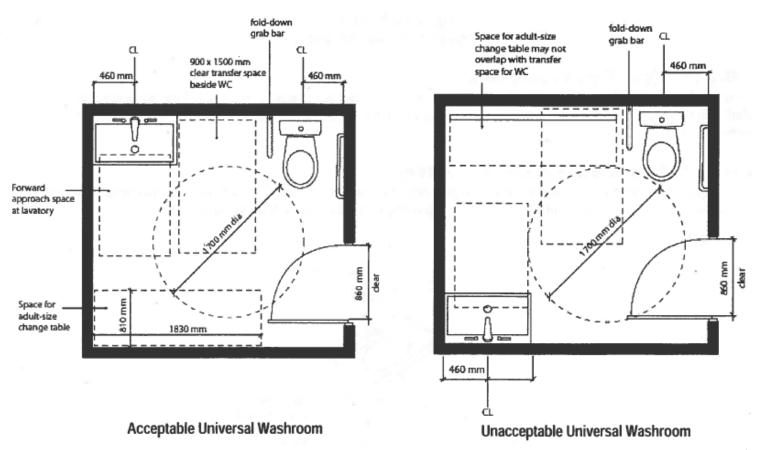


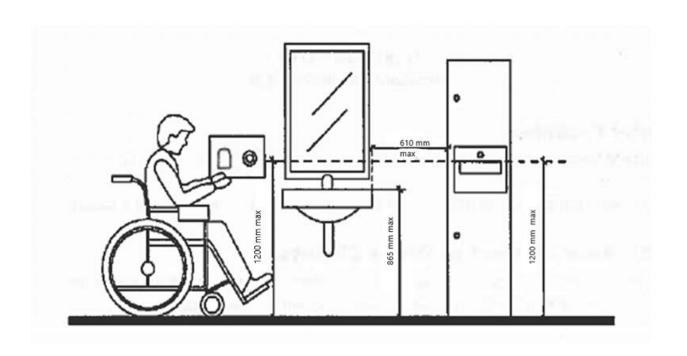
A-3.8.3.10.(1) to (4) Accessible Urinal



A-3.8.3.11.(1)(c) Clearances Beneath a Lavatory.

A-3.8.3.12.(1) and (3) Universal Washroom





A-3.8.3.11.(1) to (4) Washroom Accessories