Taken to Access

Question of the month:

- O. What's the difference between Dressing Rooms & Locker Rooms as it relates to accessibility?
- R. A dressing room is required when there is a need to change clothes. Examples include gift shops where privacy is required to try on sale items and surgery suites where a dressing room is required for staff to change in and out of scrubs. Locker rooms on the other hand, may or may not require privacy for changing. For example, some EVS or Dietary staff may need to put on a coat and hang a jacket, but if not changing into a full uniform will not require privacy. Under these circumstances, providing lockers for storage purposes is enough and we just need to make sure that 5% minimum of the lockers are accessible. The lockers must be located on an accessible route with compliant entry door clearances and access aisle. A bench however would not be required if no changing is involved.

Announcements:

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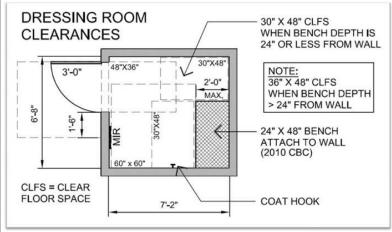
Water Closet Location was issued on March 14, 2013.

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As you've heard before, all projects receiving approval after March 15, 2012 are subject to the more restrictive requirements contained in the 2010 ADA Standard. Dressing rooms like all other functions for that matter must comply with both 2010 CBC and 2010 ADA. Below is a checklist of what you need to know specific to Dressing Rooms:

- Room use is not limited to patient use but also includes employees or public use requiring privacy for changing clothes and at least 5% but no fewer than one of each type in each cluster, or adjacent to one another must be accessible.
- Room size is recommended at 6'-8" x 7'-2" minimum with an <u>out swinging door</u>. Be aware that a 60" x 60" clear space within the room is required and the door shall not encroach in that space. The sketch below shows one example of a compliant layout. A more rectangular layout may be better suited for when multiple dressing rooms are
- Clearances may overlap. However, watch out for those movable barriers. Soiled linen carts for example cannot obstruct clearances when located within the room.
- Bench must be fixed to the wall. Specific size dimension is 24" x 48". Seat height must be between 17" -19" AFF and a clear floor space 30" x 48" for wheelchair transfer from the short end of the bench must be provided. Note that the side clear floor space must be at least 36" wide when bench depth exceeds 24" from back wall. Additionally, at wet locations water shall not accumulate on the bench and it shall have a slip-resistant surface.
- Mirrors when provided must be full length: size 18" wide x 54" high; bottom edge 20" AFF maximum to reflective surface. Mirror must be located so that one can be viewed from standing position and while seated on the bench.
- Coat hooks Install with forward approach 15" 48" AFF and do not locate above bench or seating.
- Shelves Install 40" 48" AFF when provided. Beware not to create protruding object hazards.

2013 CBC changes to dressing room requirements allow more flexibility with a turning circle or T-shaped space, bench depth range of 20" - 24", and back support attached to seat instead of wall mounted installation.



Applicable Codes:

2010 ADA:

222, 225, 308, 803 &

2010 CBC:

1114B.1.2, 1115B.2,

1115B.7.2, 1117B.8,

1118B, 1133B.2, 1133B.6.2, 1133B.8.6

2013 CBC:

11B-222, 11B-803, 11B-

903.