

RESTROOMS, SHOWER ROOMS & LOCKER ROOMS

Durable Construction: Restrooms, shower rooms and locker rooms shall be constructed to be significantly more durable than most other public areas since they are exposed to heavy usage, frequent cleanings and occasional abuse. This applies to floors as well as any accessories. Walls must be concrete masonry construction in restrooms with more than 2 urinals or toilets. Metal stud partitions do not have sufficient rigidity nor durability for larger restrooms.

All restroom, shower and locker room walls shall extend from the floor to the structure above or to a hard ceiling. Restroom with more than 2 urinals or toilets or combination of urinals/toilets shall have hard drywall of plaster ceilings. (Solid walls are for acoustic and to minimize the risk of voyeurism. Solid ceilings are intended to abate concerns of persons hiding contraband in RR ceiling spaces and for sanitation.)

Countertops: Countertop-mounted lavatories are not permitted. Lavatories must be standard wall-hung units. The presence of a countertop significantly increases the surface area to be cleaned and presents an unnecessary labor-intensive task for members of the custodial staff who are trained to clean all surfaces of all restroom fixtures, including piping. Countertops also prevent custodians from being able to clean restroom mirrors safely. Custodians do not routinely carry with them (nor are they recommended to

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Supplemental Trash Receptacles: Restrooms serving assembly spaces shall be designed to include supplemental (30 gallon) trash receptacles. Include one (30 gallon) trash can for every 5 toilets/urinals or fraction thereof.

Plumbing Chases: Water lines shall not be located in plumbing chases on exterior walls to reduce the risk of freezing.

Lockers: It is recommended that in areas where lockers are installed, the lockers shall be supported by a concrete or terrazzo base. Most locker areas are wet cleaned on either a regular basis or intermittent basis. Setting lockers on concrete or terrazzo keeps the locker away from the moisture associated with such operations and extends their life

Accessibility: All newly constructed and remodeled restrooms must fully comply with the applicable edition of the *State of Nebraska Accessibility Guidelines Code and the applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities act.* (See the *Accessibility, Universal Design* section in these *Guidelines*).

Maneuvering Clearance: Refer to diagrams in the *State of Nebraska Accessibility Guidelines* illustrating required conditions depending on door closer, latch, direction of approach and push / pull side of door. Provide sufficient maneuvering spaces around supplemental trash receptacles.

Fire Alarm System: A visual notification device is required in restrooms. If an audible device is also required, a private mode setting is preferred.