

What's New Highlights



Planning Guide for Accessible Restrooms

In addition to an updated cover design reflecting the publishing date of the 4th edition and reference to the ICC A117.1 – 2017 Accessibility Standards, the February 2022 Planning Guide for Accessible Restrooms from Bobrick contains the following additions, highlights and changes:

Content

Page 2 – Table of Contents – a table of contents has been added for ease of reference on important areas

Page 4 – Reference to the ICC A 117.1 – 2017 Accessibility Standards – For the first time, the 2017 International Code Council (ICC) Standards make a distinction between some dimensional requirements when applied to new buildings versus existing buildings.

Page 5 – Federal Buildings – not covered by the ADA, federal buildings follow the provisions of the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA), and we've created a section that addresses this.

Page 5 – Hygiene, Health and Wellness – hygiene best practices should be included in all restrooms. This is a new section to the Planning Guide for Accessible Restrooms.

Page 6 – Shifting Demographics – a significant shift in demographics has occurred since the ADA was put into law. The guide addresses these shifts in more detail.

Page 6 – Multigenerational Restrooms – As the United States becomes increasingly diverse, facilities must accommodate by becoming more inclusive as the Multigenerational Restrooms section indicates.

Pages 8, 11-13 – Clear Floor Spaces – a wide variety of changes have been made to the 2017 ICC Standards for new buildings, based on the increased size of three basic space requirements: wheelchair clear floor space; circular turning space, and t-shaped wheelchair turning space.

Pages 9 and 10 – Obstructed Reach Range Solutions – reach and range space requirements are outlined and illustrated in detail.

Pages 19 and 20 – Full Height Partitions – there is increasing interest in full-height partitions for improved privacy, and the 2017 ICC Standards for these partitions are addressed in detail with illustrations.

Page 23 – Signage – Signage is required to provide direction to (or identifies) accessible restroom and bathing facilities where not all facilities are accessible. The Signage section outlines this information in greater detail.

Figures

Pages 23-42 – Figures 20 through 42, without Bobrick product legends – a wide variety of figures have been added or updated to provide visual clarity around accessible standards and layouts.

Page 28 – Figure 27, Individual Toilet Room with Adult Changing Station – a detailed illustration has been added to outline standards for an individual toilet room equipped with an adult changing station.

Appendix

Pages 44-61 – Appendix of Layout Figures with Product Legends including new Bobrick models – for ease of reference to Bobrick accessories and accessibility standards, an appendix of illustrations has been added.