

Adult-Size Changing Facilities Code TAG

Meeting Notes

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Meeting Location: Hybrid – Washington Room/WebEx

Call to order:

Karen Gridley

Attendance:

TAG Members present: Karen Gridley (DLI), Greg Metz (DLI), Steve Kartak (AMBO), Kevin Rolfs (BOMA), Sarah St. Louis (Disability Advocacy), Mara Peterson (Disability Advocacy)

TAG Members absent: Scott Kaminski (MASMS), Corey Mollet (MN AIA)

Guests attending: Amanda Spuckler (DLI), Jeff Lebowski (DLI), Don Sivigny (DLI), Alan Gettelman, Alexis Wentworth, Brian Gadiant, Clayton Talbot, Dana Murdoch, Kate Poland, Katlyn Flannery, Marcus Hulmer, Roberta Kehne, Sara Koos, Liz Boldon

1. Call to order

2. TAG members reviewed the code change proposals detailed below.

Section 613.2.1 Single user or family or assisted use toilet or bathroom and 613.2.2 Rooms or space other than a toilet room or bathroom (bedpan rinsing devices)

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal to require a bedpan rinsing device where adult-sized changing stations are provided. The most economical option for a bedpan rinsing device interferes with the placement of rear grab bars. Other options for bedpan rinsing devices are more expensive and must comply with the Minnesota Plumbing Code. Additionally, bedpan rinsing devices are not required by the model code and were not discussed by the national code development committees. The TAG consensus is not to require bedpan rinsing devices and to reconsider the issue when the 2024 model codes are reviewed.

Section 613.2.1 Single user or family or assisted use toilet or bathroom (tactile signage)

TAG members reviewed a code change proposal to require signage at the entrance to the room and signage indicating weight capacity and instructions to comply with the tactile character requirements of section 703. The TAG consensus is to require signage at the entrance to the room to comply with tactile character requirements

but not the signage for weight capacity and instructions because they vary by adult-sized changing station manufacturer.

613.3 Room clearances

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal addressing knee and toe clearances. The TAG consensus was to add an exception to section 613.3 to allow turning space to include toe clearances complying with section 306 when the adult-sized changing station is in the lowest operational position, but to not allow knee space to be included under the table since it would not be able to comply when the table is in the lowest operable position.

614.4.3 Height adjustability

The TAG members reviewed two code change proposals to add an exception to permit fixed height adult-sized changing stations. The TAG consensus is to add an exception to allow required adult-sized changing stations to be fixed height where there are prior incidents of vandalism and where the administrative authority approves the fixed table. The TAG consensus is to allow fixed height adult-sized changing stations where they are provided but are not required by section 1109.2.4.1.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 AM

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