

## Supplement to the 2020 Minnesota Accessibility Code

### Requirements for Adult Changing Stations

Effective August 15, 2025

**User Note:** This supplement to the 2020 Minnesota Accessibility Code contains requirements for adult changing stations that are effective as of August 15, 2025. Section 1109.2.4 and section 613 are new to the code and include locations where adult changing stations are required and the technical criteria for the adult changing station and the room where it is installed. The changes also modify existing exception 2 to section 603.2.2 and add a second exception to section 902. The 2020 Minnesota Accessibility Code remains in effect with no other changes to the current code.

*(New section 1109.2.4 is added to the 2020 Minnesota Accessibility Code)*

**1109.2.4 Adult-sized changing stations.** Where provided, adult changing stations shall be accessible. Where required, adult changing stations shall be accessible and shall comply with sections 1109.2.4.1 through 1109.2.4.4.

**1109.2.4.1 Where required.** At least one adult changing station shall be provided in all of the following locations:

1. In assembly and mercantile occupancies, where an aggregate of six or more male and female water closets are required. In buildings of mixed occupancy, only those water closets required for the assembly and mercantile occupancies shall be used to determine the adult changing station requirement.
2. In Group B occupancies providing educational facilities for students above the 12th grade, where an aggregate of twelve or more male and female water closets are required to serve the classrooms and lecture halls.
3. In Group E occupancies, where a room or space used for assembly purposes requires an aggregate of six or more male and female water closets for that room or space.
4. In Minnesota Department of Transportation rest areas provided with plumbing and electricity at toileting locations.
5. State park campgrounds provided with plumbing and electricity at toileting locations.
6. State park visitor centers provided with plumbing and electricity at toileting locations.
7. In hospitals and ambulatory care facilities, where an aggregate of six or more male and female water closets are required.
8. In Group B outpatient clinics, where an aggregate of six or more male and female water closets are required.

**1109.2.4.2 Room.** Adult changing stations shall be located in single-user toilet rooms that include only one water closet and only one lavatory. Fixtures located in such rooms shall be included in determining

the number of fixtures provided in an occupancy. The occupants shall have access to the required adult changing station at all times that the associated occupancy is occupied.

**Exception:** Adult changing stations shall be permitted to be located in family or assisted-use toilet rooms required in Section 1109.2.1.

**1109.2.4.3 Prohibited location.** The accessible route from public and employee toilet rooms required by Minnesota Rules, chapter 1305, to an accessible adult changing station shall not require travel through security checkpoints.

**1109.2.4.4 Travel distance.** The adult changing station shall be located on an accessible route and the path of travel to the facility shall not exceed 1000 feet.

**Exception:** In Group A-4 and A-5 occupancies the path of travel shall not exceed 2,000 feet.

*(Exception 2 to section 603.2.2 of the 2020 Minnesota Accessibility Code is modified)*

## **Section 603.2.2**

**603.2.2 Door swing.** Doors shall not swing into the clear floor space or clearance for any fixture.

### **Exceptions:**

1. Doors to a toilet or bathing room for a single occupant, accessed only through a private office and not for common use or public use shall be permitted to swing into the clear floor space, provided the swing of the door can be reversed to comply with Section 603.2.2.
2. Where the room is for individual use, including family or assisted use, and a clear floor space complying with Section 305.3 is provided within the room beyond the arc of the door swing, the door shall not be required to comply with Section 603.2.2.

*(New section 613 is added to the 2020 Minnesota Accessibility Code)*

## **SECTION 613**

### **ADULT CHANGING STATIONS**

**613.1 General.** Adult changing stations shall comply with Section 613.2 through 613.4.

**613.2 Installation location.** Where required, adult changing stations shall be installed in accordance with the locations specified in Section 613.2.1. Where not required but provided, adult changing stations shall be installed in accordance with the locations specified in section 613.2.1 or 613.2.2.

**613.2.1 Single-user or family or assisted-use toilet room.** Where adult changing stations are required in an accessible toilet room with only one water closet and one lavatory, or in a family or assisted-use toilet room, the room shall provide all of the following components:

1. A dispenser for soap complying with Section 308.

2. A hand towel dispenser or hand dryer complying with Table 603.6.
3. A coat hook located in close proximity to the changing surface.
4. A waste receptacle.
5. Signage indicating "Adult Changing Station" provided at the entrance to the room and complying with the tactile and visual character requirements in Section 703.2.
6. Signage indicating the weight capacity and instructions for operation of the changing station within the room.

**613.2.2 Room or space other than a toilet room.** Where adult changing stations are provided in a room or space other than a toilet room and including, but not limited to nurses' work areas, therapist work areas, or special education classrooms, the adult changing station shall be located in a compartment or room that includes all of the following components:

1. Privacy provided by walls, curtains, or partitions.
2. A turning space complying with Section 304.
3. A lavatory complying with Section 606 or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer dispenser.
4. Where a lavatory is provided in the compartment or room, provide a dispenser for soap.
5. Where a lavatory is provided in the compartment or room, provide a hand towel dispenser or hand dryer complying with Table 603.6.
6. A waste receptacle.

**613.3 Room clearances.** An adult changing station and its supporting structure when in the operational position shall not obstruct required clear floor spaces and clearances at accessible elements, maneuvering clearances at doors or at the wheelchair turning spaces.

**Exception:** The turning spaces shall be permitted to include a toe clearance of 9 inches (227 mm) minimum above the floor and shall extend 6 inches (152 mm) maximum below the table, measured from the finished edge of the table surface when the provided adult changing station is in the lowest operational position.

**613.4 Changing surface.** A changing surface shall be provided and shall comply with Section 613.4.

**613.4.1 Safety and performance.** Adult changing stations shall comply with the following safety and performance requirements:

1. Protect the user from falling from the changing surface along the open long sides by means such as retractable safety rails that comply with section 613.4.5.
2. Support a weight of not less than 400 lbs. (182 kg) applied to the changing surface.
3. Be anchored in place in accordance with section 903.6, where the adult changing station is required by section 613.2.1.
4. Provide a changing surface that is smooth, non-absorbent, and resistant to corrosion.

5. Where electrical components are provided, they shall comply with the Minnesota Electrical Code.
6. Where operable controls are provided for adult changing stations required by section 613.2.1, they shall comply with Section 309.4.

**613.4.2 Size.** The changing surface shall be 70 inches (1778 mm) minimum in length and 30 inches (762 mm) minimum in width.

**613.4.3 Height adjustability.** The changing surface height shall be adjustable at variable heights from 17 inches (432 mm) minimum to 38 inches (965 mm) maximum above the floor as measured to the top of the changing surface.

**Exceptions:**

1. Where the adult changing station is required, a fixed-height changing surface shall be permitted with the approval of the administrative authority in locations where the applicant provides documentation of prior incidents of vandalism. The fixed-height changing surface shall be mounted with the top 19 inches (483 mm) minimum and 23 inches (584 mm) maximum above the floor.
2. Where the adult changing station is provided but not required by IBC Section 1109.2.4.1, a fixed-height changing surface shall be permitted and shall be mounted with the top of the changing surface 19 inches (483mm) minimum and 23 inches (584mm) maximum above the floor.

**613.4.4 Clearances.** Clearances complying with Sections 613.4.4.1 and 613.4.4.2 shall be provided adjacent to the changing surface, measured when the surface is in the operational position.

**613.4.4.1 Side clearance.** A 36-inch (914mm) deep minimum side clearance shall be provided along the open long side of the changing surface.

**Exception:** In the raised position, the side rail shall be permitted to overlap the side clearance.

**613.4.4.2 End clearance.** A 36-inch (914mm) wide minimum end clearance shall be provided along the depth of one end of the changing surface. The width of the end clearance shall extend the depth of the changing surface and the side clearance.

**Exceptions:**

1. A 24-inch (610mm) wide minimum end clearance shall be permitted where a clear floor space complying with Section 305.3 is provided within the room beyond the clearances for the changing surface.
2. Where installed in locations specified in Section 613.2.2, end clearances complying with Section 613.4.4.2 are not required.

**613.4.5 Side rail.** Where side rails are provided at the changing surface they shall comply with Sections 613.4.5.1 and 613.4.5.2.

**613.4.5.1 Size and location.** Side rails shall be a minimum of 2/3 of the length of the changing surface and shall be centered +/- 3 inches (75mm) along the long open sides of the changing surface.

**613.4.5.2 Rail positioning.** Side rails shall be capable of being raised and lowered. The side rail shall be fixed in place when in the raised position. The top of the side rail shall extend 5 inches (127mm) minimum above the top of the changing surface.

*(Section 902 of the 2020 Minnesota Accessibility Code is modified to add Exception 2)*

## **SECTION 902**

### **DINING SURFACES AND WORK SURFACES**

**902.1 General.** Accessible dining surfaces and work surfaces shall comply with Section 902.

**Exceptions:**

1. Dining surfaces and work surfaces primarily for children's use shall be permitted to comply with Section 902.5.
2. Adult changing surfaces shall not be required to comply with this section.