### 521 CMR: ARCHITECTURAL ACCESS BOARD

# PUBLIC TOILET ROOMS

#### 30.1 GENERAL

Each public toilet room provided on a site or in a building shall comply with 521 CMR.

a. In each adult public toilet room, at least one water closet and one sink in each location shall be accessible to persons in wheelchairs, or a separate accessible unisex toilet room shall be provided at each location. Adult water closets shall comply with the provisions of 521 CMR 30.1 through 30.13.

- b. Where children's toilet rooms are provided, at least one water closet and one sink in each location shall be accessible to children in wheelchairs, or a separate accessible unisex toilet room shall be provided at each location. Children's toilet rooms shall comply with the provisions of 521 CMR 30.14 through 30.20. For purposes of 521 CMR, pre-kindergarten school is defined as a school which serves children from infancy up until but not including kindergarten. Elementary school is defined as a school which serves grades kindergarten through six.
- 30.1.1 The installation of unisex toliet room in lieu of fully *accessible* men's and women's room is permitted by 521 CMR. See also **521 CMR 30.2**, **Location**.
- 30.1.2 Portable Toilets: For single user portable toilets clustered at a single location, at least 5% but not less than one accessible toilet unit shall be installed at each cluster. *Accessible* units shall be identified by the International Symbol of Accessibility. Portable units at construction sites used exclusively by *construction* personnel are not required to be *accessible*.

#### 30.2 LOCATION

Accessible toilet rooms shall be on an accessible route. Where unisex toilet room(s) are provided, they shall be located in the same area as other toilet rooms.

## 30.3 VESTIBULES

Where vestibules are provided, they shall comply with 521 CMR 25.3, Vestibules.

## 30.4 DOORS TO UNISEX TOILET ROOMS

Doors to unisex toilet rooms may swing into the room if the door has a self-closing device and maneuvering space is provided in accordance with 521 CMR 26.6.

#### 30.5 CLEAR FLOOR SPACE

An unobstructed turning space complying with 521 CMR 6.3, Wheelchair Turning Space shall be provided within an accessible toilet room. The clear floor space at fixtures and controls, the accessible route, and the turning space may overlap.

### 30.6 TOILET STALLS

If toilet stalls are provided, then at least one shall be a standard accessible toilet stall. Where six or more stalls are provided in a toilet room, at least one alternate accessible toilet stall (See Fig. 30c) shall be provided in addition to the standard accessible toilet stall. Accessible toilet stalls shall be on an accessible route.

30.6.1 Standard Accessible Toilet Stall: Standard accessible toilet stalls shall be at least 60 inches (60" = 1524mm) wide and 72 inches (72" = 1829mm) deep. See Fig. 30a and 30b. Arrangements shown for standard accessible toilet stalls may be reversed to allow either a left- or right-hand approach. Water closets in accessible stalls shall be located on the 60 inch (60" = 1524mm) wall and shall comply with 521 CMR 30.7, Water closets.