#### 521 CMR: ARCHITECTURAL ACCESS BOARD

# **BATHING ROOMS**

#### 31.1 GENERAL

Each public bathing room provided on a site or in a building shall comply with 521 CMR. Bathing rooms in Multiple dwellings shall comply with 521 CMR 42, GROUP 1 BATHROOMS and 521 CMR 44 GROUP 2 BATHROOMS instead of 521 CMR 31. Showers in hotels shall also comply with the requirements of 521 CMR31. In each bathing room where a shower or bathtub is provided at least one of each shall be accessible to persons in wheelchairs or an accessible unisex bathing room shall be provided.

#### 31.2 LOCATION

Accessible bathing rooms shall be on accessible routes.

#### 31.3 VESTIBULES

Where vestibules are provided, they shall comply with 521 CMR 26.7, Two Doors in a Series.

#### 31.4 DOORS

All doors to accessible bathing rooms shall comply with 521 CMR 26, DOORS AND DOORWAYS. Doors shall not swing into the clear floor space required for any fixture.

### 31.5 OTHER FIXTURES

If bathing rooms have water closets and/or sinks, those fixtures shall comply with the requirements of 521 CMR 30, PUBLIC TOILET ROOMS.

## 31.6 CLEAR FLOOR SPACE

The accessible fixtures and controls required in 521 CMR 31 shall be on an accessible route. An unobstructed wheelchair turning space complying with 521 CMR 6.3, Wheelchair Turning Space shall be provided. The clear floor spaces at fixtures and controls, the accessible route, and the wheelchair turning space may overlap.

#### 31.7 SHOWER STALLS

Accessible shower stalls shall comply with the following:

31.7.1 Size: Shower stall size and clear floor space shall comply with Fig. 31a or b. The shower stall in Fig. 31a shall be 36 inches by 36 inches (36" by 36" = 914mm by 914mm). The shower stall in Fig. 31b will fit into the 30 by 60 inch (30" by 60" = 762mm by 1524mm) space required for a bathtub. There shall be no more than a ½ inch (½" = 13mm) lip, beveled at a slope no steeper than one-in-two (1:2) (50%).