

CHANGING PLACES CHECKLIST: EQUIPMENT & ENVIRONMENT



An accessible toilet can only be registered as a Changing Places facility if it meets certain criteria. So, we've developed this handy checklist to help you plan and design your upcoming project. Complete all of the following steps to ensure that your facility can be registered as an official Changing Places toilet.

PLANNING

- There is clear, level access to the facility (or plans to install suitable ramped access)
- You have allocated a minimum of 12 sqm for your proposed Changing Places toilet
- Internal ceiling height is 2,400mm (min)
- The facility is publicly accessible
- The facility can be clearly signposted to

ENVIRONMENT

- Doorway is at least 1,000mm wide
- 2,000mm x 1,800mm (min) clear manoeuvring space.
- 1,000mm (min) clear space either side of the toilet
- Hoist provides full room coverage
- Installation of anti-slip flooring
- Sufficient visual contrast between grab rails and walls (in accordance with light reflectance value (LRV) guidance in Approved Document M and BS8300)

EQUIPMENT

Changing Bench

- Adult-sized (1,800mm x 800mm size with minimum 200kg safe working load)
- Height-adjustable (300mm–1,000mm range)
- Wall-mounted or free-standing
- Accessible wide paper roll dispenser (installed at 800mm–1,000mm height).

Ceiling Track Hoist

- X-Y (or H-frame) system
- Safe working load of 200kg (min)
- Handset controls with accessible charge point
- Emergency stop and hoist lowering functions

Note: Carers typically "bring a sling", so there's no requirement to provide a sling with your hoist

Peninsular Toilet

- 480mm toilet seat height
- Shelf for colostomy bags (installed at 950mm in height and at least 400mm wide)

Note: Avoid seat styles with a gap at the front.

Hand Wash Facilities

- Height-adjustable basin (580mm–1,030mm range)
- Lever mixer taps
- Pressure-sensitive safety override system
- Soap dispenser (800mm–1,000mm height)
- Paper towel dispenser (wall-mounted at 800mm–1,000mm height)

Grab Rails

- Drop-down rails positioned 320mm either side of peninsular toilet
- All fixed grab rails to be 600mm long (min) with 50mm–60mm surface clearance
- Fixed rail on interior door (900mm height)

Bins

- General waste bin
- Large sanitary bin for adult-sized continence pads

Privacy Screen

- Wall-mounted or free-standing
- Retractable, to avoid obstructing other equipment

Emergency Alarm

- Two red pull cords (one accessible from the toilet, the other near the entrance)
- Pull cords to reach down to 100mm from the floor
- Accessible alarm reset (800mm–1,000mm height)

Mirror

- Full length (min 600 x 400mm)

Clothing Hooks

- Positioned at two heights (1,050mm & 1,400mm)

Shower (Optional)

- Located next to the changing bench
- Detachable shower head (1,200–1,400mm height)
- Shower deck installed to enable level-access
- Accessible shower controls (750mm–1,000mm height)

Note: Showers are recommended in managed buildings, such as leisure centres.

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