



SIGNAGE FOR SINGLE-USER TOILET FACILITIES

- ❖ **PURPOSE:** The City of Santa Clara provides this handout as an aid in complying with new state law requirements for signage at single occupancy all-gender toilet facilities. It is important to note that the clarification provided herein is not the result of a change in accessibility regulations. It is in accordance with existing accessibility requirements in the CBC for symbols at entrances for toilet facilities and wall-mounted designation signs, if provided.
- ❖ **BACKGROUND:** Assembly Bill 1732 (Ting, Chapter 818, Statutes of 2016) was signed into law on September 29, 2016, to create Health and Safety Code Section 118600, relating to the identification of single-user toilet facilities as all-gender toilet facilities.

Health and Safety Code Section 118600 requires:

- All single-user toilet facilities in any business establishment, place of public accommodation, or state or local government agency shall be identified as all-gender toilet facilities by signage that complies with Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, and designated for use by no more than one occupant at a time or for family or assisted use.
- During any inspection of a business or a place of public accommodation by an inspector, building official, or other local official responsible for code enforcement, the inspector or official may inspect for compliance with this section.
- For the purposes of this section, "single-user toilet facility" means a toilet facility with no more than one water closet and one urinal with a locking mechanism controlled by the user.
- This section shall become operative on March 1, 2017.

❖ IMPLEMENTATION

Permit applications submitted on or after March 1, 2017: All single-user toilet facilities in new buildings and alterations to single-user toilet facilities in existing buildings must comply with Assembly Bill 1732. Signage shall be specified in the construction documents (see below).

❖ SIGNAGE

Geometric Sign on Door

CBC Section 11B-216.8.1 requires that doorways leading to toilet facilities and bathrooms shall be identified by a geometric symbol. Section 11B-703.7.2.6.3 specifies that unisex toilet facilities must have a triangle superimposed over a circle. For single-user toilet facilities in new buildings and alterations to single-user toilet facilities in existing buildings, unisex symbols shall be used on the doors to identify the single-user toilet facilities as all-gender toilet facilities. No pictogram, text, or braille is required on the symbol.





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Designation Sign on Wall

- The CBC does not require a wall-mounted designation sign to be provided for a toilet facility; however, if a designation sign adjacent to the door of a toilet facility is provided, it must comply with the scoping requirements of CBC 11B-216.2, and the technical requirements for raised characters (CBC 11B-703.2), braille (CBC 11B-703.3), visual characters (CBC 11B-703.5), and requirements for installation height and location (CBC 11B-703.4). A pictogram is not required; however, if a pictogram is provided, a text descriptor consisting of raised characters, braille, and visual characters is required to accompany the pictogram.
- When not all single-user restrooms in the facility are accessible, signs directing patrons to the accessible restrooms must be installed in accordance with CBC 11B-216.8. Accessible restrooms must have the International Symbol of Accessibility on or adjacent to the sign.

The following signs illustrate acceptable examples of wall-mounted designation signs:



For use adjacent to a single-user toilet facility



For use adjacent to an accessible single-user toilet facility