

A Functional Needs Framework for Every Community Emergency Planning and Response for People with Disabilities



Accessible Portable Toilets

This document is part of a series created by Disability Alliance BC in order to help local Emergency Programs in British Columbia integrate the needs of people with disabilities into their emergency plans. The series was developed for the **A Functional Needs Framework for Every Community** project, based on key areas identified by local Emergency Programs.

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Standard portable toilet	Wheelchair accessible portable toilet	Supports needed for use of accessible toilets	BC Building Code Access Requirements (2014)
<p>Specifications Height: 88" (2235mm) Width: 44" (1118mm) Depth: 48" (1219mm) Weight: 230 lbs. (105kg) Standard tank vol: 70 gal. (265L) Floor space: 41" x 21" (1041mm x 533mm) Seat height: 18" (457mm) Door opening: 78" x 26" (1981mm x 660mm)</p>	<p>Specifications Height (exterior): 91" (2311mm) Width (exterior): 62" (1575mm) Depth (exterior): 62" (1575mm) Door width: 32.7" (132L) Door height: 80.8" (2054mm) Seat height: 19" (483mm) Tank vol: 35 gal. (132L) or 68 gal. (257L) Weight: 250 lbs (107Kg)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interior of toilet should have grab bar • Pathway to accessible portable toilet(s) should be continuous, uninterrupted, unobstructed, smooth, even surface • Entrance into the portable toilet should be level entry or have a ramp 	<p>While Section 3.8.3.2 <i>Paths of Travel</i> 1) refers to exterior paths to entrances of buildings, the requirements should be considered as a guideline for pathways to accessible toilets</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Be provided by means of a continuous plane not interrupted by steps or abrupt changes in level, Have a permanent, firm and slip-resistant surface, Have an uninterrupted width of not less than 1500 mm, and a gradient not more than 1 in 20 <p>Section 3.8.3.3 <i>Ramps</i> refers to both interior and exterior access and should be reviewed for considerations of width and slope and safety of ramps</p> <p>(<i>Building Access Handbook 2014</i>, BC Office of Housing and Construction Standards)</p>

