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 19 NYCRR 1222 Plumbing Code of New York State (PCNYS)

Topic: Separate toilet facilities for a business occupancy

This document is to clarify that a business occupancy of less than 50 persons and more than 15 persons cannot be equipped with just one unisex toilet room.

Although Building Code of New York State (BCNYS) Table 2902.1 and Plumbing Code of New York State (PCNYS) Table 403.1 permit 1 toilet facility for each 50 occupants in a business occupancy; BCNYS section 2902.2 and PCNYS section 403.2 state:

Separate facilities. Where plumbing fixtures are required, separate facilities shall be provided for each sex."

And exception 3 states:

Separate facilities shall not be required in structures or tenant spaces with a total occupant load, including both employees and customers, of 15 or less."

Therefore, two toilet facilities are required, one for each sex, and each must be accessible for persons with disabilities in accordance with BCNYS section 1109.2 .