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(water closet or urinal) and lavatory or bathing facility where artificial light and either mechanical exhaust ventilation or an approved ductless air circulating and treatment device is provided.

Note: The department will accept ductless air circulating and treatment devices conforming to standard C-10 as adopted by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF).

(2) **MULTIPLE FIXTURE TOILET ROOMS.** Toilet rooms with more than one fixture (water closet or urinal) will be permitted without windows if mechanical ventilation, in accordance with the requirements of section Ind 64.65, and artificial light are provided.

History: 1-2-56; r. and recr. Register, October, 1967, No. 142, eff. 11-1-67; am. Register, December, 1975, No. 240, eff. 1-1-76; r. and recr. Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78.

Ind 52.55 Artificial light. Every toilet room, except those within living units, shall be artificially lighted during the entire period that the building is occupied, wherever and whenever adequate natural light is not available, so that all parts of the room, especially the toilet compartments, shall be provided with artificial light intensity of not less than 2.5 footcandles at the floor level.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73.

Ind 52.56 Size. Every toilet room shall have at least 14 square feet of floor area with a minimum width of 3 feet, and at least 100 cubic feet of air space for each water-closet and each urinal in addition to the space required for lavatories if installed within the toilet room.

Ind 52.57 Floor and base. Every toilet room, except those within living units of apartment buildings, shall have the entire floor and the side walls to a height of not less than 6 inches made waterproof with ceramic tile, terrazzo, painted concrete, marble slate, monolithic asphalt or other approved material impervious to water.

Note: This section is also intended to prohibit the use of wall registers within 6 inches of the floor, baseboard registers and floor registers.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73.

Ind 52.58 Walls and ceilings. (1) The walls and ceilings of every toilet room shall be completely covered with smooth non-absorbent material.

(2) The interior surface of walls and partitions shall be of light color to improve illumination and facilitate cleaning.

History: 1-2-56; r. and recr. Register, September, 1959, No. 45, eff. 10-1-59; am. (1), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78.

Ind 52.59 Enclosure of fixtures. (1) The fixtures (closets and urinals) in every toilet room shall be arranged to ensure privacy. Water-closets shall be enclosed with partitions. Urinals shall be placed against walls and arranged individually. Individual floor type urinals shall be placed against walls at least 7 feet 0 inches high.

(a) **Exception.** The above requirements need not apply to toilet rooms accommodating only a single closet or urinal.

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(2) A space of 6 to 12 inches shall be left between the floor and the bottom of each partition. The top of the partition shall be from 5½ to 6 feet above the floor. Doors with the top 5½ to 6 feet above the floor, and the bottom 6 to 12 inches above the floor, shall be provided for all water-closet compartments. All partitions and doors shall be of material and finish required for walls and ceilings under Wis. Adm. Code section Ind 52.58.

(3) The water closet compartments in toilet rooms shall be not less than 30 inches in width, and shall be not less than 54 inches in depth with a clearance of not less than 24 inches between the fixture and the compartment door when closed except as specified in subsection Ind 52.04 (8). Compartment doors which are hung to swing inward shall clear the fixture not less than 2 inches.

(4) No admission fee shall be charged for the use of any toilet facility in a public building or place of employment. Key-locking of toilet rooms is prohibited in all buildings except service stations and filling stations having exterior toilet room access.

Note: Section 146.085, Wis. Stats., prohibits charging a fee for the use of toilet facilities and imposes a fine of \$10 to \$50 for violations.

History: 1-2-56; am. (3) and cr. (4), Register, November, 1963, No. 95, eff. 12-1-63; am. (2), Register, February, 1974, No. 218, eff. 3-1-74; r. (4), Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75; am. (3), Register, December, 1975, No. 240, eff. 1-1-76; cr. (4), Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (1), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78.

Ind 52.60 Fixtures. (1) **WATER CLOSETS.** Only water closets of porcelain, vitreous china, stainless steel or other nonabsorbent materials shall be used. All water closets in public buildings and places of employment shall have elongated bowls and hinged, open-front seats without cover. Water closets in apartments, day care centers, individual executive offices, and sleeping units of hotels and motels may be of the round bowl type, provided with a hinged, closed-front seat, with or without cover.

(2) **URINALS.** (a) *Stall type.* Stall-type urinals shall be set into the floor, and the floor shall be graded toward the fixture. Spaces between stall-type urinals, or urinals and sidewalls, shall be filled in flush with the front and top of the urinal with nonabsorbent material if the space is less than 12 inches.

(b) *Wall type.* Wall-hung urinals may be installed in all buildings except elementary schools (kindergarten through 8th grade).

Note #1: The definitions and general classifications for schools are found in section 115.01, Wis. Stats.

Note #2: The department recommends that wall-hung urinals be installed at a height between 22 inches to 24 inches above the floor.

(c) *Flushing devices.* The urinals shall be equipped with an effective automatic or manual foot-operated flushing device.

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(d) *Multiple urinals.* Batteries of urinals shall be spaced not less than 30 inches center-to-center. The center line of a single urinal shall be at least 16 inches from the nearest sidewall or partition.

(e) *Materials.* Only individual urinals of porcelain, vitreous china, stainless steel, or other nonabsorbent materials approved by the department shall be used.

(f) *Floor drain.* A stall-type urinal, or floor drain located not more than 12 inches from a wall supporting wall-hanging urinals, shall be provided for each group of 4, or less, urinals.

(3) **HAND-WASHING AND DRYING FACILITIES.** Hand-washing facilities shall be provided in all places of employment and public buildings in accordance with the requirements of this subsection.

(a) *Lavatories.* Lavatories shall be of an approved type and shall be provided with hot and cold running water. The lavatories may be equipped with a hot and cold regulating device. If a multiple-use lavatory is installed, 24 lineal inches of wash sink or 20 inches measured along the edge of a circular basin will be considered equivalent to one lavatory.

(b) *Hand-drying facilities.* Individual hand towels, sections of cloth or paper, or clean individual sections of continuous toweling, convenient to the lavatories, shall be provided. Hand-drying facilities shall be provided at the ratio of at least one unit for every 3 lavatories. Warm-air blowers may be substituted for up to one-half of the required hand-drying units. Warm-air blowers shall provide air at not less than 90° F, nor more than 140° F.

Note: The department will accept the qualified blowers listed by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

(c) *Toilet soap.* Soap or similar cleansing agents shall be provided.

(d) *Receptacles.* Receptacles shall be provided for the disposal of used towels and other waste materials.

(4) **DRINKING FACILITIES.** Drinking facilities shall be provided in all buildings except in areas where food and drinks are served. Drinking facilities shall not be installed in toilet rooms, except in residential occupancies. Drinking fountains, coolers or individual cups at a potable water source may be provided. Common drinking cups are prohibited.

Note: Where running water is not available, a covered drinking water container, equipped with a faucet or bubbler, may be provided. The container should be cleaned and sanitized at frequent intervals.

(5) **BATHING FACILITIES.** Bathing facilities shall be provided for the specific occupancies outlined in the occupancy chapters of this code.

(a) *Showers.* Shower compartments shall have at least 1,024 square inches of floor area and shall be at least 30 inches in the minimum dimension. Each shower room or compartment shall be constructed of

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material impervious to moisture. The floor of the shower room or compartment shall be provided with a slip-resistant finish.

(b) *Hot and cold water.* Bathing facilities shall be provided with hot and cold water and be equipped with a hot and cold water regulating device. The device shall be plainly marked. Supply or feed pipes to showers shall be placed overhead or protected to avoid the probability of a person coming in contact with the hot water pipes.

(c) *Toilet soap and towels.* Employees who use showers shall be provided with soap or other appropriate cleansing agents and clean individual towels.

Note: See chapter H 62, rules of the department of health and social services, for special fixture requirements.

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Ind 52.61 Protection from freezing. All water-closets and urinals and the pipes connecting therewith shall be properly protected against freezing, so that such water-closets and urinals will be in proper condition for use at all times.

Ind 52.62 Disposal of sewage. (1) Each water-closet and urinal, and each lavatory or slop sink, located in a toilet room shall be connected with a sewer and water system, where such systems are available. In locations where a sewer system is not available, or cannot be made available, the disposal of human waste may be accomplished as follows:

(a) Sewage treatment tank and disposal system.

Note: For detailed requirements on such systems see state plumbing code.

(b) Where the local conditions make it impractical to install such system, outdoor toilets, as described in Wis. Adm. Code section Ind 52.63, or other facilities, such as septic toilets installed in accordance with the provisions of the septic toilet code issued by the department of health and social services, may be used; provided that in the case of places of employment for more than 10 persons, schools larger than 2 rooms, and apartment houses, water-flush toilets as herein described shall be provided, unless outdoor toilets or other facilities are permitted in writing by the department of industry, labor and human relations or the department of health and social services. In every case where chemical or septic toilets are installed, the approval of plans and specifications therefore by the department of health and social services shall be secured before work is started.

Ind 52.63 Outdoor toilets. (1) Outdoor toilets shall comply with Wis. Adm. Code sections Ind 52.50 to Ind 52.59, inclusive, and in addition:

(a) No privy, with or without a leaching pit or other container, shall be erected or maintained within 50 feet of any well, 10 feet of the line of any street or other public thoroughfare, 5 feet of the

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