

Construction Health & Safety Hygiene Guidance Document

Observation	Additional Information	Requirement (O. Reg. 213/91 & OHSA)
Are Washrooms Available at the Project?	Are facilities provided or arranged for workers before work has started at a project; and that workers at the project have reasonable access to these facilities	29 (3)
Distance to Washroom - Horizontal	180 metres, measured horizontally	29 (4)
Distance to Washroom - Vertical	Not more than 9 metres, vertically, in addition to meeting the requirement set out in subsection (4).	29 (7)
Transportation to facilities located 3km away	The facilities may be located not more than 3 kilometres from the work area if transportation to the facilities is provided for workers where reasonably required	29 (6)
Varying Location of Washrooms	Location under subsection (7) may be varied if there still is reasonable accessibility and if the constructor communicates it with JHSC or H&S in writing	29 (8) and (9)
Identifying Location of Washrooms	Inform workers of the location of the facilities; and post the location of the facilities in a conspicuous place.	29 (10)
Cleaning Washrooms	Facilities serviced, cleaned and sanitized as frequently as necessary	29 (11)
Record of Cleaning	Record of the servicing, cleaning and sanitizing of the facilities	29 (12)
Alternate Arrangements	Offsite washrooms acceptable only if the constructor has received permission	29 (13)
Requirements for Non Sewered Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not connected to a sanitary sewer system. • Equipped with a trap or a positive seal Flushed into a container and chemically treated 	29.1 (0.2)
Requirements for all Washrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open-front toilet seat • with toilet paper and a holder • Disposal receptacle for sanitary napkins if used by female workers. • Privacy and protection with a self-closing door that can be locked • Illuminated by natural or artificial light, heated if possible and adequately ventilated 	29.1 (1)
	Adequate heat, if that is possible (reasonably possible to access hydro?) during winter months (infrared heat lamp accepted)	29.1 (1) 4. ii.
	(2) Separate toilet facilities shall be provided for male and female workers, unless the facilities are intended to be used by only one worker at a time	29.1 (2)
	Toilets - If a project is being carried out in a remote unpopulated area and it is not reasonably possible to provide the toilet facilities required under subsection (3), other types of toilet facilities that come as close as	29.1(4)

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	possible to having the features of non-sewered flush toilet facilities shall be provided instead.	
Water flush/non recirculating Toilet	1 for every 15 workers	29.1 (5)
Other than water flush/non recirculating	1 for every 10	29.1 (7)
Clean up facilities	Each single-toilet facility shall be provided with its own clean-up facility.	29.2 (1)
	<p>Workers who handle or use corrosive, poisonous or other substances likely to endanger their health shall be provided with washing facilities with clean water, soap and individual towels.</p> <p>Commonly used controlled products on projects include cement, vitreous fibres and other substances containing isocyanates (e.g. adhesives and insulating foams and paintings) or other noxious products.]</p>	30
Clean up facility requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shall have a wash basin with both hot and cold running water, if reasonably possible – or hand cleanser that can be used without water 2. Soap or hand cleanser shall be provided. 3. Paper towels with garbage can or a hand dryer 	29.2 (2)
Running water vs hand cleanser	<p>If it is not reasonably possible to have a wash basin with running water at a clean-up facility, hand cleanser that can be used without water shall be provided instead</p> <p>Running water vs ABHR - Inspectors would allow the use of hand cleanser in extreme situations taking into account weather conditions where water tanks may freeze and locations where road access and or infrastructure are limited.</p>	29.2 (3)
Portable urinals not in lieu of prescribed facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • urinals cannot be used to reduce the number of toilets required on a project or to meet access requirements • Any use of urinals would be considered in addition to the minimum requirements of O.Reg 213/91 requiring portable toilets that meet sect 29.1 description 	29.1
Hoisting portable toilets at high rise projects	<p>Portable toilets that will be hoisted by a crane shall be structurally designed for that purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 93 Follow the manufacturer’s instructions • Section 172 Engineer Design must meet the following criteria • If the manufacturer offers a sling set for their product, ensure it is capable of supporting at least five times the weight of the toilet when full • Overhead protection must be provided too as needed. 	93 172 34

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Constructor / Employer	The onus is on the constructor or employer to provide toilets and clean up facilities that meet the regulatory requirements prescribed in sections 29 to 30 of ON. reg 213/91.	23 25
Employer	An employer shall ensure that the equipment, materials and protective devices provided by the employer are maintained in good condition	25(1)(b)
Supplier	<p>Every person who supplies any machine, device, tool or equipment under any rental, leasing or similar arrangement for use in or about a workplace shall ensure,</p> <p>(a) that the machine, device, tool or equipment is in good condition;</p> <p>(b) that the machine, device, tool or equipment complies with this Act and the regulations; and</p> <p>(c) if it is the person’s responsibility under the rental, leasing or similar arrangement to do so, that the machine, device, tool or equipment is maintained in good condition.</p> <p>The onus is on portable toilet suppliers to supply equipment that is in good condition and ensure that the equipment is maintained in good condition.</p> <p>The Ministry could enforce clauses 31 (1)(a) or 31(1)(c) of the OHSA against a person who services and maintains toilets at a project that do not adequately fix or maintain portable toilet units on site</p>	31(1)(a) and 31(1) (c)
Supplier	<p>Every person who supplies any machine, device, tool or equipment under any rental, leasing or similar arrangement for use in or about a workplace shall ensure,</p> <p>(b) that the machine, device, tool or equipment complies with this Act and the regulations;</p> <p>The Ministry could enforce clause of the OHSA against a person who supplies toilets to a project that do not conform to sections 29.1-29.2 of the Construction Regulation</p> <p>The inspector, at their discretion, may also choose to issue orders or charges against the supplier for not complying with clause 31(1)(b) duty under the Act</p>	31(1)(b)