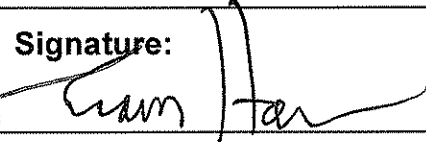


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**Building Code Interpretation
Disabled Access 005**

Housing Shower Size

Subject: Allowable shower sizes for housing applications	Date: May 22, 2008
San Francisco Building Code Sections: 1127A.5.3, 1134A.6; Figures 11A-9H, 9I, & 9K	Code Year: 2007
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Question: What are allowable shower sizes that can be used by the disabled in housing applications (Chapter 11A)?	

Answer: Section 1134A.6 requires a 42" by 48" shower to be provided to accommodate persons with disabilities. Other sections of the California Building Code (Sections 1127A.5.3 and 1115B.4.4) allow other alternative dimensions (30" by 60" and 36" by 60") to be used to accommodate persons with disabilities. Based upon the variety of dimensions allowed under the CBC, the Department of Building Inspection will consider other shower dimensions listed in the CBC as providing equivalent facilitation, except that a 36" by 36" shower size will not be considered as providing equivalent facilitation for access purposes. This Code Application and Interpretation is subject to change at any time. To determine if this interpretation is still current, please call (415) 558-6205 or visit our website http://www.sfgov.org/site/dbi
