



## INFORMATION SHEET

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**NO. DA-08**

**DATE** : October 29, 2014

**CATEGORY** : Disabled Access

**SUBJECT** : **Accessible Route to Accessible Toilet Compartments**

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**SECTIONS INVOLVED**

: **California Building Code (CBC) Sections;**  
2010 CBC Section 1115B.3.1 #4.5 Multi-Accommodation Toilet Facilities  
2013 CBC Section 11B-403.5.1 (Exception 5) Clear Width  
DSA-AC Final Expressed Terms Dated June 27, 2014  
DSA-AC Initial Statement of Reasons Dated December 23, 2013

**INTENT** : To Clarify the requirement for a 44" wide accessible route within a multi accommodation toilet or bathing facility to an accessible stall.

**DISCUSSION** :

In Chapter 11B of the 2010 CBC and within previous editions of the code, there has been a stated requirement for a 44" wide accessible route to all accessible toilet compartments. After adoption and issuance of the 2013 edition of the code it was discovered that this section was inadvertently omitted from the final printing. The requirement was found under multi-accommodation toilet facilities in the previous code and, with the adoption of the 2010 ADA Guidelines as a model code, should have migrated to Section 11B-403.5.1 Clear width of accessible routes. It was left out.

The July 22, 2014 meeting of the California Building Standards Commission (BSC) voted to correct this omission and reinstate this provision into the CBC as follows:

**ITEM 11B.25**

**DIVISION 4: ACCESSIBLE ROUTES**

**11B-403 Walking surfaces**

**11B-403.5 Clearances. ...**

**11B-403.5.1 Clear width.** Except as provided in *Sections 11B-403.5.2 and 11B-403.5.3*, the clear width of walking surfaces shall be 36 inches (914 mm) minimum.

**Exceptions:**

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5. *The clear width for accessible routes to accessible toilet compartments shall be 44 inches (1118 mm) except for door-opening widths and door swings.*

