

Evolving Code 5

Subject: Adult Changing Facilities

2016 CBC Sections: NA, New Requirement

Explanation: Assembly Bill 662 was signed into law in 2015 requiring a person, private firm, organization, or corporation that owns or manages a commercial place of public amusement to install and maintain at least one adult changing station for persons with a physical disability that is accessible to both men and women when the facility is open to the public. The requirement is triggered during new construction on or after January 1, 2020 and renovations on or after January 1, 2025.

What is an adult changing facility? It is an adult changing table placed within an enclosed restroom facility or other similar private facility that is for use by persons with physical disabilities who need help with diapering.

What is a commercial place of public amusement? It is an auditorium, convention center, cultural complex, exhibit hall, permanent amusement park, sports arena, or theater or movie house for which the maximum occupancy is determined to be 2,500 or more people. Examples of cultural complexes include but are not limited to art galleries, symphony, concert halls, and museums. A commercial place of public amusement does not include any public or private higher education facility or district agricultural associates.

Proposed Language: New §11B-249. Contact Marx|Okubo for the proposed requirements.

M|O Opinion: This will increase usability of commercial places of public amusement. Applicability of the requirements are limited to larger facilities, hosting 2,500 or more people. Acceptable tables and associated clearances and accessories will require a sizable room as well as electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and signage studies. If you are in the planning phase of a project that falls under the definition of commercial places of public amusement, we recommend reviewing the requirements and providing feedback during the code development cycle.

