

WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE
CHANGING AND SHOWER
FACILITIES

For changing and shower facilities:

1. Where more than one individual changing or shower compartment is provided there is a choice of layouts suitable for right-hand and left-hand transfer.
2. Compartments are fitted with wall-mounted drop-down support rails and wall mounted slip-resistant tip-up seats which are not spring loaded.
3. In sports facilities (with separate-sex communal changing facilities individual self-contained changing and shower facilities are available.

4. Where accessible facilities are provided within a communal area they are provided with subdivisions with the same configuration of space and equipment as for self-contained facilities but without doors.
5. Facilities for limb storage are included for the benefit of amputees.
6. A pull cord activated emergency alarm system complying with 4.5.1 Unisex toilets is provided. The pull cord is easily identifiable and reachable from the wall-mounted seat or from the floor.

For changing facilities:

7. The arrangement of fittings and minimum overall dimensions comply with figure 32.
8. Where shower facilities are provided the changing room floor is level and slip resistant when wet or dry.
9. Manoeuvring space of 1500mm deep is provided in front of lockers.
10. Accessible lockers shall be available between 600mm and 1100mm from the floor.
11. Accessible lockers shall be located where a 1800mm and 1800mm space free of obstacles exists.

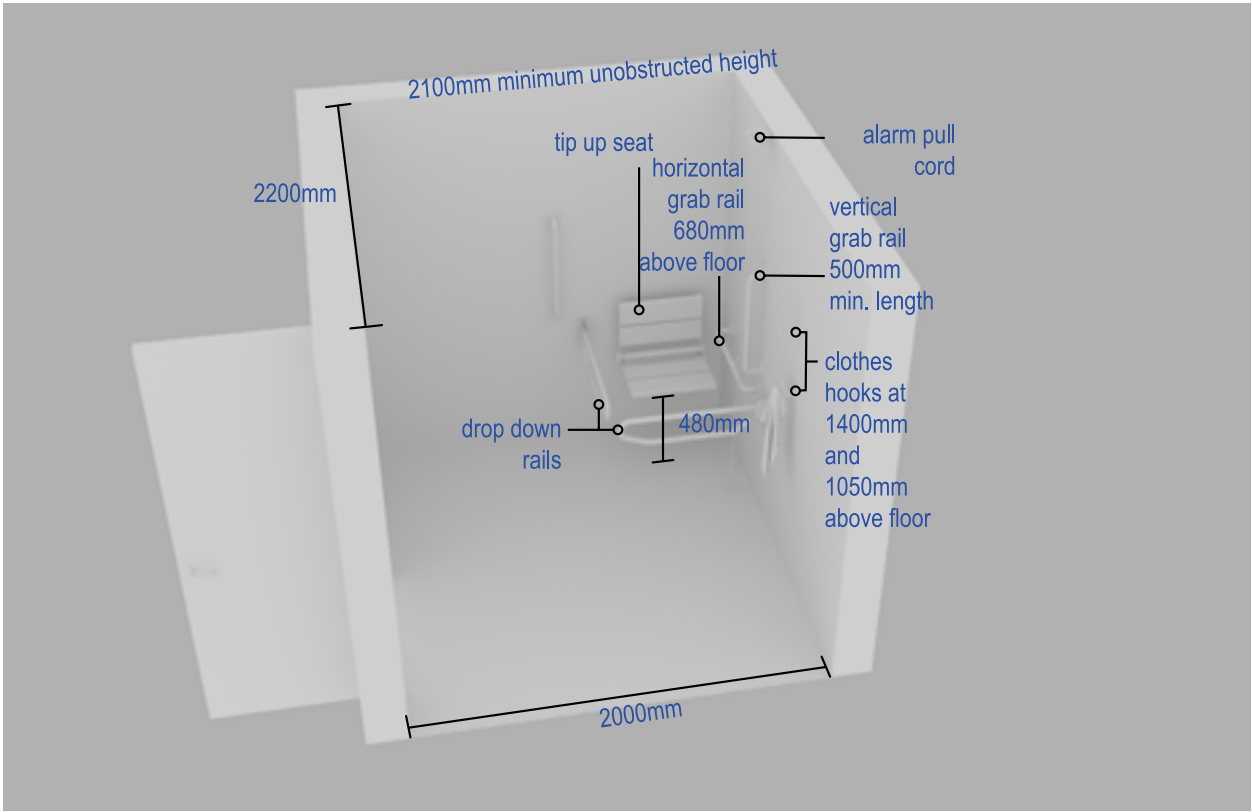


Figure 32 / An example of self-contained changing room for individual use

For shower facilities:

12. The arrangement of fittings and minimum overall dimensions comply with figure 32.
13. Where showers are provided for staff at least one wheelchair-accessible shower compartment complying with figure 33 is provided.
14. The shower curtain can be operated from the shower seat.
15. A shelf, reachable from either seat or wheelchair, before or after transfer is provided for toiletries.
16. The floor of the shower room is slip resistant and self-draining.
17. The shower terminal fitting complies with and the markings on the shower controls are logical and clear. Where located in communal areas shower controls are mounted between 750 and 1000mm above the finished floor level.

For shower facilities
incorporating a WC:

18. The arrangement of fittings and minimum overall dimensions comply with figure 34.
19. Where more than one shower facility containing a WC is provided there is a choice of layouts suitable for right-hand and left-hand transfer.

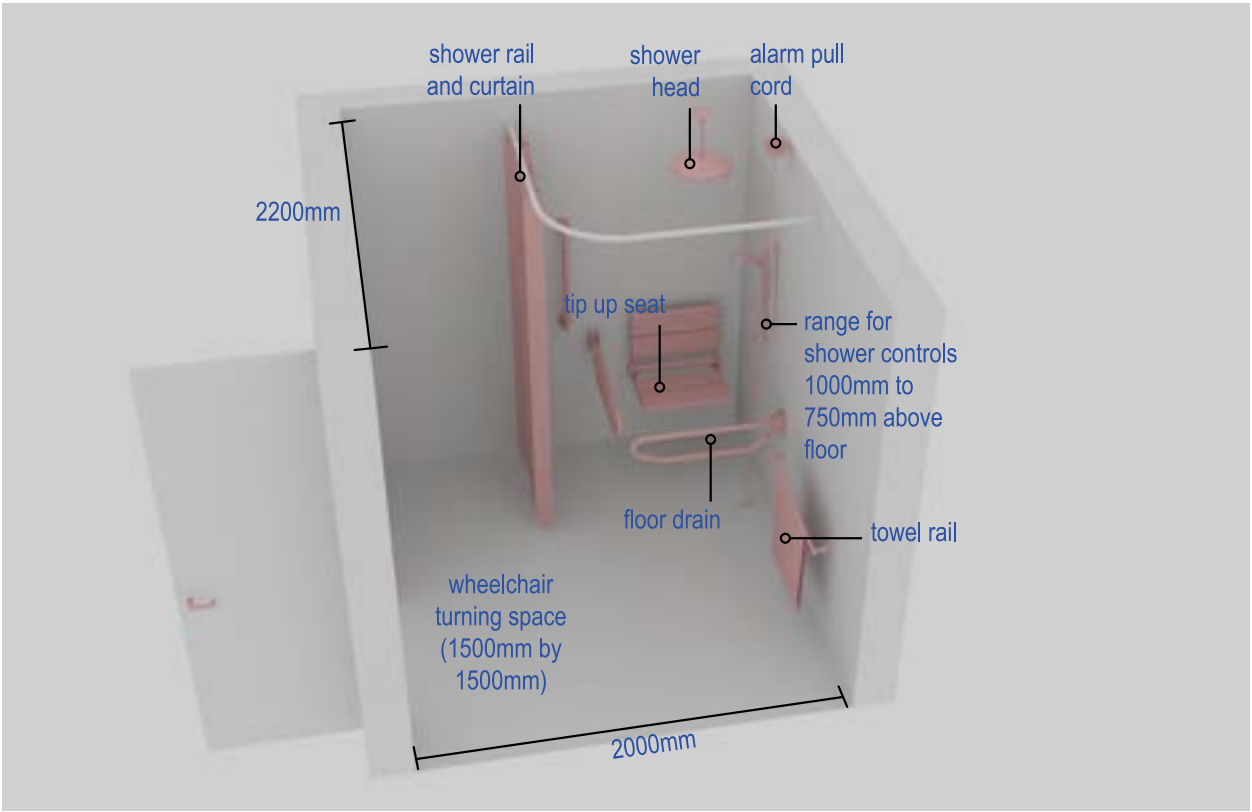


Figure 33 / An example of a self-contained shower room for individual use