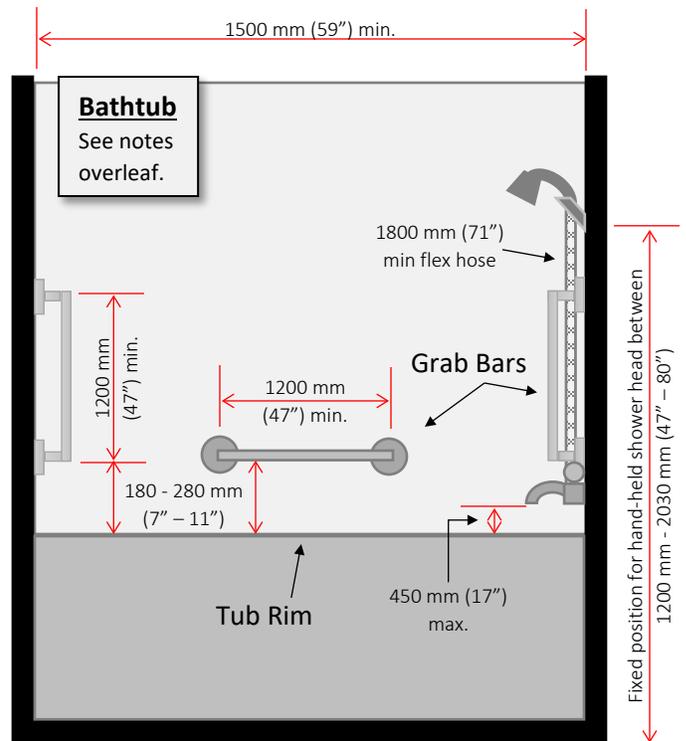
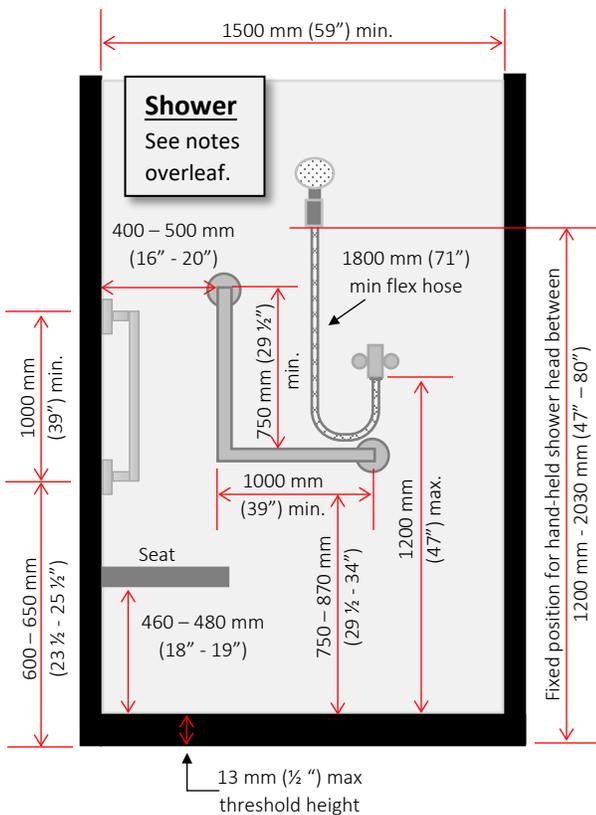
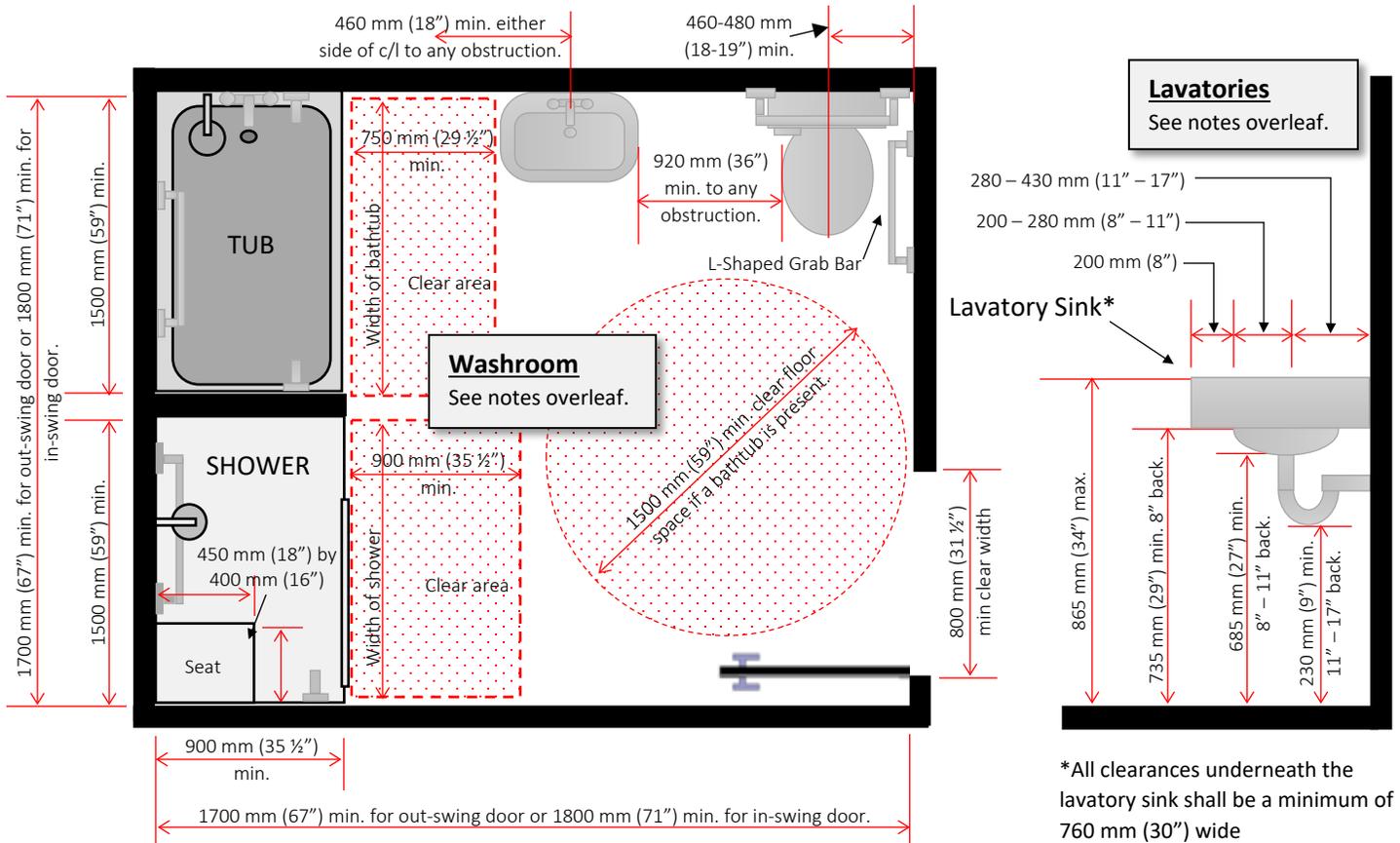


Barrier Free Washrooms for Residential & Care Occupancies

As required by the 2022 Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations (Accessibility Schedule "C") & the 2015 National Building Code of Canada



ACCESSIBLE / BARRIER FREE WASHROOMS

For Residential and Care Occupancies

For full details of the minimum acceptable Barrier Free requirements refer to Schedule “C” Accessibility of the 2022 Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations, specifically Section 3.8 Accessibility. At least **1 unit in every 20** in a Residential occupancy must be Barrier Free.

WASHROOM

- Must have a floor area of at least 3.7 m² (40 sq. ft.) with no interior dimensions less than 1700 mm (67”) between walls if it is fitted with an out-swinging door, or 4.0 m² (43 sq. ft.) with no interior dimensions less than 1800 mm (71”) if it is fitted with an in-swinging door.
- Must contain a WC and a lavatory. The WC will be equipped with an ‘L’ shaped grab-bar installed on the wall to its side. The grab-bar shall have a minimum length & height of 760 mm (30”) and shall be installed 750-950 mm (29 ½”-33 ½”) above the floor, and a further grab bar installed at a height of 840-920 mm (33”-36”) on the wall behind the WC. The grab bar shall have a width of not less than 610 mm (24”).
- Must contain **either** a shower **or** a bathtub. If the washroom contains a bathtub, the room shall also have a clear space that is at least 1500 mm (49”) in diameter.
- Must have a GFI outlet that is located no more than 1200 mm (47”) above floor level.

SHOWER

- Must be at least 1500 mm (59”) wide and 900 mm (35 ½”) deep with a non-slip shower surface, and a clear area in front at least as wide as the shower and at least 900 mm (35 ½”) deep.
- Must have a vertical grab bar at least 1000 mm (39”) long, located on the side wall between 50-80 mm (2” - 3”) in from the clear floor space and 600-650 mm (23 ½” - 25 ½”) above the floor and an L shaped grab bar, that is at least 1000 mm (39”) horizontally and 750 mm (29 ½”) vertically, located on the wall opposite the entrance 750-870 mm (29 ½” - 34”) above the floor.
- Have a hinged or fixed seat at least 450 mm (18”) wide by 400 mm (16”) deep, 460-480 mm (18-19”) above the floor and located on the same wall as the vertical grab bar.
- Have a pressure-equalizing or mixing valve mounted on the wall opposite the entrance no more than 1200 mm (47”) above the floor.
- Have a hand-held shower head, with at least 1800 mm (71”) of flexible hose, mounted so it can be reached from the seat and can be used in a fixed position at a height of 1200-2030 mm (47-80”) above the floor.
- Have recessed soap holders that can be reached from the seated position.

BATHTUB

- Must be at least 1500 mm (59”) long with a non-slip tub surface, and have a clear floor space in front that is at least 750 mm (29 ½”) deep along its entire length.
- Have faucet’s or other controls located along its centre line no more than 450 mm (18”) above the rim.
- Have 3 grab bars at least 1200 mm (47”) long, two of which are located vertically at each end of the tub, one that is located horizontally along the length of the tub, all must be between 180-280 mm (7-11”) above the rim.
- Have a hand-held shower head with at least 1800 mm (71”) of flexible hose that can be used in a fixed position at a height of between 1200-2030 mm (47-80”) above the floor.

CONTACT US

Contact HRM to obtain the required Building Permit, or to speak to a Building Official for advice and clarification of any of the requirements outlined above, by visiting the Customer Service Center located at **5251 Duke St, 3rd Floor, Suite 300, Duke Tower, Halifax**, or by calling 311.