

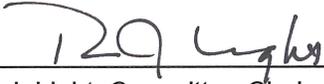
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INTERPRETATION

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Interpretation Date:	February 17, 2015
Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2012
Subject:	Clearance beside a door latch of a toilet compartment
Keywords:	Door clearance, disability, accessibility, toilet compartment
Building Code Reference(s):	3.3.1.13.(10)(b); 3.7.2.10.(2)
Question:	<p>Does the door to an accessible toilet compartment as per Sentence 3.7.2.10.(2) need to conform to Clause 3.3.1.13.(10)(b) and maintain clearances of 300 mm and 600 mm beside the door latch?</p>
Interpretation:	<p>No.</p> <p>The toilet compartment door and hardware requirements specified in Sentence 3.7.2.10.(2) allow wheelchair access to control the door opening, closing and latching by specifying the location and a type of the pull handles, see Clauses 3.7.2.10.(2)(d, e & f).</p>
<p> R. J. Light, Committee Chair</p>	
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