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**INTERPRETATION**

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**Question:**

Does the word "either" in clause 3.7.4.10.(6)(b) mean "on one side or the other side" or "on both sides?"

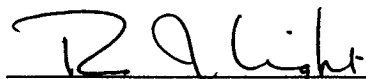
**Interpretation:**

The National Building Code 3.8.3.10.(2)(c) states "installed **on each** side a vertically mounted grab bar....."

An errata issued by the Building Policy Branch posted on their web site indicates the word "either" is to be replaced with the words "**on each**"

The 1998 BC Building Code clause 3.7.4.8.(6)(b) reads;

b) shall be provided with vertical grab bars not less than 300 mm long mounted not more than 380 mm **on each** side of the centre line of the urinal with their centre lines 1 000 mm above the floor



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