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Subject:	Curtains for Accessible Showers
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Building Code Reference(s):	3.8.3.17.(1)(c),
Question:	
Are curtains allowed for accessible showers?	
Interpretation:	
Yes, with conditions.	
Clause 3.8.3.17.(1)(c) permits curtains for accessible showers provided they do not obstruct the shower entrance or the shower controls.	
Curtains are permitted, but they must be installed in such a way that a person with disabilities can use the facilities.	
	
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