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INTERPRETATION

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Subject:	Combined universal washroom and universal dressing and shower room
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Building Code Reference(s):	3.8.2.8.(1) & (13), 3.8.3.13, 3.8.3.17.(2)

Questions:

Can a universal washroom be combined in a single room with a universal dressing and shower room?

Interpretation:

Yes.

Sentence 3.8.2.8.(1) requires at least one universal washroom at each location where washrooms are provided on a storey to which an accessible path of travel is required.

Sentence 3.8.2.8.(13) requires at least one universal dressing and shower room at each location where a showering facility is provided for use by the general public or customers.

There is no provision in the code prohibiting the combination of universal washroom, dressing and shower room. It is acceptable to combine these facilities into a single room but it shall comply with Article 3.8.3.13. and Sentence 3.8.3.17.(2).



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