

# Anglican Church of Canada

## Diocese of Fredericton

### Regulation 4-4: Diocesan Safe Church

#### Schedule M – Diocesan Washroom Standard

##### General

- 1(1) Each Leader shall inform parents and caregivers to take their children (instruct their youth) to visit the washroom prior to each class, service or activity.
- 1(2) The communication given in s. 1(1) shall be made at the beginning of the church program and to any new entrants to the program.
- 1(3) The communication given in s. 1(1) shall be made during the month of September for year-over-year church programs (e.g. Sunday School).

##### Minimum Physical Standard

- 2(1) Each church facility shall have a functioning washroom, in accordance with Part 3, s. 38(1) ([Washroom Standards](#)) of this Regulation, unless prohibited by age or size of the building and access to services.
- 2(2) Each church facility and each off-site facility used for a church-sponsored program shall include the accommodations and minimum equipment requirement for persons with physical disabilities as specified in s. 5(1) of this Schedule.

##### Nursery Children (Infants)

- 3(1) A Leader or Volunteer shall complete diaper changing in the nursery, or other suitable location.
- 3(2) A trained youth may assist in diaper changing.

##### Preschool – Grade 2 Children

- 4(1) Two adults shall escort a child or group of children to a washroom.
- 4(2) Where two adults are not available to escort a child to a washroom, either a trained youth or the child's parent or guardian shall be appointed to assist with washroom and security duties.

- 4(3) Where only one child is using the washroom, a Leader, an adult Volunteer or a trained youth shall escort the child to the washroom, prop the outside door open, remain outside the washroom door and wait for the child before escorting him or her back to the classroom.
- 4(4) When a child needs assistance in the washroom, an adult may enter the washroom cubicle to assist only when a second adult or trained youth is within visual contact.

### **Persons with Disabilities**

- 5(1) The Diocese, Cathedral Corporation, each Parish Corporation and Diocesan Camp shall provide the following accommodations and meet the following minimum equipment requirements to a person with a physical disability who is registered in the church activity, event or program:
  - a) A ramp to the entrance of the building, if there is a difference greater than two inches (2”) in elevations between the threshold of the access door of the building and the ground;
  - b) An elevator, chair-lift, or other similar equipment suitable to safely elevate a person, who may be in a wheel chair, or use a walker or a cane, from one floor to another of the building if required;
  - c) An enlarged washroom stall sufficient to accommodate the person and her/his wheelchair;
  - d) Appropriate hand-rails affixed securely near to each the toilet and the sink.
- 5(2) The Leader of the activity, event, or program, or a designated person who is knowledgeable of the requirements specified in s. 5(1), shall inspect the washroom facility and confirm that the equipment and any other accommodation required by this Schedule are in place, safe and secure.
- 5(3) The Leader shall arrange for the repair or correction of any deficiency with the washroom facility at the earliest opportunity following its discovery.

### **Criteria for Excluding a Facility from Use in a Church Activity**

- 6 A Leader shall not conduct or deliver a church activity, event or program in any building or facility that has a known, outstanding deficiency for a washroom that is identified in s. 2(1) and/or s. 2(2) of this Schedule and cannot be repaired or corrected prior to the start of the activity, event or program.