

Taken to Access

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Question of the month:

Q. What is considered the circulation route in a single occupancy toilet room? Would a baby changing table be considered a protruding object within the room?

R. Section 11B-106.5 defines a **Circulation Path** as *an exterior or interior way of passage provided for pedestrian travel, including but not limited to, walks, hallways, courtyards, elevators, platform lifts, ramps, stairways, and landings*. A **pedestrian** is defined as *an individual who moves in walking areas with or without the use of walking assistive devices such as crutches, leg braces, wheelchairs, white cane, service animal, etc.* In a single occupancy toilet room, a path is required by a user/ pedestrian to access the various plumbing fixtures and accessories within the room. As such, most of the room could become part of the circulation route. A baby changing table could be considered a protruding object, particularly when in the down position if it interferes with required clearances. It could also be considered a protruding object, if the profile of the table in the closed position exceeds 4 inches in depth.

Announcements:

Congratulations to the **ABSMC Patient Tower** project team for successfully keeping the monitoring of the project at **5%**! The team actively engaged the access specialist during construction which resulted in significant fewer comments during field review.

The question of finding a compliant Baby Changing Station comes up often during design and plan reviews. After much discussion and analysis by our architects, access specialists and Strategic Sourcing, it has been determined that the design and manufacture of the Koala model KB200 Baby Changing Station is compliant with the 2010 ADAS and 2013 CBC when properly installed.

The KB200 is designed to be opened and closed using either side of the unit as a handle, thus not requiring tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist. Unit can be opened with one hand and the force required to lower the table is no greater than 5 pounds.

Information is now posted as a Sutter Health ADA approved product in the **Attainia Database**. Product is available through the following Sutter Health local distributors:

- Owens & Minor— www.owens-minor.com
- McKesson Medical-Surgical— www.mckesson.com
- W. W. Grainger Inc.— www.grainger.com

For additional questions, contact Koala Kare Customer Service Department at www.koalabear.com or Jan Carroll our Strategic Sourcing ADA Equipment Officer at CarrollJ@sutterhealth.org.

Remember, further review is necessary to ensure and verify that the installation is within required reach ranges, that all required clearances have been provided and that no obstruction to the product itself or to the circulation and accessible routes have been created.

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Concealed pneumatic cylinder and metal mounting chassis provides controlled, slow opening and closing of table. Unit requires single hand operation to open.



Adequate knee space clearance must be provided.

The depth of the table must clear the water closet floor clearance. Note that per DSA Express Terms (to be published 1/1/15 and enforceable 7/15/15), placing the table in the same room as the water closet will only be allowed in single occupancy toilet rooms and not in the accessible stall of a multi-user toilet room.

