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Fact Sheet



Privacy for toilets and bathrooms

Regulation 10(c) of the *Housing Improvement Regulations 2017*

Each room containing toilet or bathroom facilities must afford adequate privacy to the user.

What is a bathroom?

A bathroom is a room that contains a bathtub or a shower, and a wash basin. The room may also contain a toilet.

Adequate privacy

A person using the toilet and bathroom facilities must have the ability to use the facilities in a secure and comfortable environment without unwanted intrusion and ensure the discretion of the individual.

Privacy considerations

Provided that a toilet or bathroom must be adequately private for someone using the facilities to comply with regulation 10(c), the following is, but not limited to, considered as providing adequate privacy to the user:

- Frosted windows.
- Windows that have a blind or curtain that can be opened and closed by the user.
- A door that can be locked and unlocked from inside the toilet or bathroom without a key.

Ensuites

An ensuite is considered as a private toilet or bathroom connected directly to, and only accessed via, a bedroom. A closed bedroom door or a partial wall for visual separation may be considered as providing adequate privacy to someone using the ensuite facilities.

Further information

For further information about the minimum housing standards, scan the QR code or visit www.housingsafetyauthority.sa.gov.au.



Scenario examples

- A family toilet has a frosted window and a door that can be locked and unlocked from the inside by a person using the facilities. This is considered as compliant.*
- An ensuite bathroom is accessed through a walk-through wardrobe. The bedroom door has been closed providing privacy to the person using the facilities. This is considered as compliant as the user cannot be reasonably seen or heard by others outside of the room.*
- A bathroom is accessed via a sliding door with no lock. The door can be opened from the outside of the room, even if someone is using the facilities. This is considered as non-compliant as it does not provide adequate privacy to the user of the facilities.*

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