

	West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources				
	MANUAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROCEDURES				
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The following requirements for toilet facilities in food service establishments are taken from the 1995 International Plumbing Code which is part of West Virginia's [State Building Code, 87 CSR 04](#). Establishment owners should also be advised that their facilities must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Please note that the Attorney General's Office has advised that the provision of outside picnic tables is the same as a dining area and such establishments must provide public toilet facilities.

- Minimum number of fixtures: Water Closets - 1 per 75 Lavatories - 1 per 200
Urinals may be substituted for up to 50% of the required number of water closets. If employees are to use the public customer facilities, the maximum number of employees per shift shall be counted in the seating capacity.
- Separate facilities shall be provided for each sex with the following exceptions:
 1. Separate male and female facilities shall not be required in establishments with a total occupant load, including both employees and customers, of 15 or less.
 2. If separate employee facilities are provided, and 15 or less people are employed, separate facilities for each sex are not required.
- The number of fixtures required for each sex shall be based on 50 percent of the total occupant load unless statistical data indicates a different distribution of the sexes.
- Facilities shall be located not more than one story above or below the space required to be provided with toilet facilities and the path of travel to such facilities shall not exceed a distance of 500 feet.
- Required facilities shall be free of charge and designated by legible signs for each sex. Where pay facilities are installed, such facilities shall be in excess of the required minimum facilities.

References [87 CSR 04, State Building Code](#)

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Attachments