



# Washington State Building Code Council

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## STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 15-11

**CODE:** 2012 International Building Code

**SECTION:** IBC 2902.3.1 Access

**QUESTION:** Is the intention of the State amendment, **2902.3.1 Access**, to require owners or tenants to have policies for public access to toilet rooms, or is the intention to design the building for public access to toilet rooms, even if the working policy of the tenant or owner may be not to provide public access?

**ANSWER:** **Yes, where the space is intended for public use, the building owner or tenant must provide public access to the toilet room, both through design and operation of the facility.**

The code clearly states this requirement as follows:

**Section 2902.3.1 Access.** "...The public **shall have access to the required toilet facilities** at all times that the building is occupied....."

Required public toilet facilities are specified in Section 2902.3:

"Customers, patrons and visitors shall be provided with public toilet facilities in structures and tenant spaces intended for public utilization."

This is intended to apply to users of the building, not the general public at large. Please see the ICC building code commentary.

**SUPERSEDES:** None

**REQUESTER:** City of Everett Permit Services