SCHEDULE 2 Minimum welfare facilities required for construction sites

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Regulation 4(2)(b), 13(4)(c) and 15(11)

Sanitary conveniences

1.— *(1) Suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences must be provided or made available at readily accessible places.*

(2) So far as is reasonably practicable, rooms containing sanitary conveniences must be adequately ventilated and lit.

(3) So far as is reasonably practicable, sanitary conveniences and the rooms containing them must be kept in a clean and orderly condition.

(4) Separate rooms containing sanitary conveniences must be provided for men and women, except where and so far as each convenience is in a separate room, the door of which is capable of being secured from the inside.

Washing facilities

2.— *(1) Suitable and sufficient washing facilities, including showers if required by the nature of the work or for health reasons, must, so far as is reasonably practicable, be provided or made available at readily accessible places.*

(2) Washing facilities must be provided—

(a) in the immediate vicinity of every sanitary convenience, whether or not also provided elsewhere; and
(b) in the vicinity of any changing rooms required by paragraph 4, whether or not provided elsewhere.

(3) Washing facilities must include—

(a) a supply of clean hot and cold, or warm, water (which must be running water so far as is reasonably practicable);
(b) soap or other suitable means of cleaning; and
(c) towels or other suitable means of drying.

(4) Rooms containing washing facilities must be sufficiently ventilated and lit.

(5) Washing facilities and the rooms containing them must be kept in a clean and orderly condition.

(6) Subject to paragraph (7), separate washing facilities must be provided for men and women, except where they are provided in a room the door of which is capable of being secured from inside and the facilities in each room are intended to be used by only one person at a time.

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(7) Sub-paragraph (6) does not apply to facilities which are provided for washing hands, forearms and the face only.

Drinking water

3.— *(1) An adequate supply of wholesome drinking water must be provided or made available at readily accessible and suitable places.*

(2) Where necessary for reasons of health or safety, every supply of drinking water must be conspicuously marked by an appropriate sign.

(3) Where a supply of drinking water is provided, a sufficient number of suitable cups or other drinking vessels must also be provided, unless the supply of drinking water is in a jet from which persons can drink easily.

Changing rooms and lockers

4.— *(1) Suitable and sufficient changing rooms must be provided or made available at readily accessible places if a worker—*

(a) has to wear special clothing for the purposes of construction work; and
(b) cannot, for reasons of health or propriety, be expected to change elsewhere.

(2) Where necessary for reasons of propriety, there must be separate changing rooms for, or separate use of rooms by, men and women.

(3) Changing rooms must—

(a) be provided with seating; and
(b) include, where necessary, facilities to enable a person to dry any special clothing and any personal clothing or effects.

(4) Suitable and sufficient facilities must, where necessary, be provided or made available at readily accessible places to enable persons to lock away—

(a) any special clothing which is not taken home;
(b) their own clothing which is not worn during working hours; and
(c) their personal effects.

Facilities for rest

5.— *(1) Suitable and sufficient rest rooms or rest areas must be provided or made available at readily accessible places.*

(2) Rest rooms and rest areas must—

(a) be equipped with an adequate number of tables and adequate seating with backs for the number of persons at work likely to use them at any one time;
(b) where necessary, include suitable facilities for any woman at work who is pregnant or who is a nursing mother to rest lying down;

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(c) include suitable arrangements to ensure that meals can be prepared and eaten;
(d) include the means for boiling water; and
(e) be maintained at an appropriate temperature.