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Question of the Month

From the “**Quick Code Answers**”
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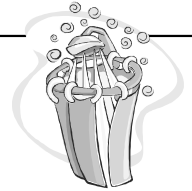
Q: We are adding a public restroom in a church building. The owner wants a shower to be included in the design. Must this be an accessible shower since the code does not require a shower at all?

A: All public toilet and bathing facilities must be accessible. Any feature that is provide for public use must be made accessible according to the provisions of the building code. There is an exception for this particular example if the room was available only through a private office.



See **IBC 1109.2** for details.

Code Tip



Minimum construction dimensions for non-accessible shower stalls have been added to the **2006 International Plumbing Code**. The IPC now requires the access opening to have “a minimum clear and unobstructed finished width of 22 inches”. Previous versions did not specify this dimension. See **IPC 417.4.2** for details.

New Client Highlight

J.C. Snavely & Sons, Inc.

Architectural Millwork Division

3149 Hempland Rd Lancaster, PA 17601

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Current Events

No legislative action happening in the public view... We are still watching HB 493 which establishes a UCC Advisory Council. This group would be charged with collecting and evaluating information concerning proposed changes to the UCC and making recommendations to the Governor, legislative bodies and ICC. It is currently in the House Labor Relations committee. There was a public hearing in May. We may see this one resurface soon.

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Maybe something that has been inspected and passed on one job and failed on the next?

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Submit your code question to **Questions@ApprovedCode.com**

Be sure to include a daytime telephone number in case we need more information.

We will respond to your question by e-mail or phone as soon as possible.



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