

Environmental Child Protection Audit Facility Modifications Child and Adult Only Restrooms

Please see more detailed information in <u>ICMEC Environmental Audit</u> located in EdPortal.ICMEC.org/Policies & Procedures/Audits & Checklists.

Justification for child/adult only toilet facilities includes preventing secluded one-on-one contact between children and adults. Restroom restrictions should apply after school hours and signs that facility is being cleaned should be clearly posted. Visitors should be informed of school policy.

In cases of early years intimate care, policy should include routine protocol and how to handle exceptions (illness, or extra assistance required). One-to-one adult/child contact should always be interruptable and observable.

To mitigate risk of peer-on-peer abuse, facilities that restrict adults may have view-obstructing entrance or removed doors with privacy barriers. Adults should be able to hear and be aware of possible altercations or inappropriate behavior in restrooms. In adult restricted facilities, periodic checks should be conducted by child protection designate. See audit for more details about this inspection.



Privacy barrier constructed, door should be removed





No privacy barrier, main door removed Other solutions include door to stalls removed, shared sinks in open area/corridor

Open plan nursery/early years classroom toilet May be open or have half doors to allow for privacy and observable adults



