OUT & EQUAL BRIEF

Assembly Bill 1732: The Equal Restroom Access Act—California

ENSURING COMPLIANCE

California Assembly Bill 1732 requires that businesses designate all "single-user" toilet facilities as "all-gender" toilet facilities. To do so, businesses must use proper signage by meeting the requirements set forth in Title 24 of California Code of Regulations (California Building Code Standards.)

For the purposes of this bill, a "single-user toilet facility" is defined as "a toilet facility with no more than one water closet and one urinal with a locking mechanism controlled by the user."

In order to meet the requirements set forth in Title 24, all-gender toilet facilities must have <u>two signs</u> that comply with the <u>following signage requirements:</u>

GEOMETRIC DOOR SIGN

1. All-gender toilet facilities must be identified with a geometric symbol—a triangle superimposed onto a circle with light and dark contrasting colors (see *Figure A*). This symbol must be placed on the door to the restroom.

The aforementioned symbol is the minimum requirement set forth by The California Building Code Standards, however, companies are free to expand upon this symbol by including additional graphics.

FIGURE A



WALL-MOUNTED SIGN

2. Title 24 also requires that companies place a wall-mounted sign labeling the toilet facility as all-gender. No pictogram is required. Companies may simply provide signs with the words: "all-gender," "restroom," or "unisex restroom." If your company wishes to include an additional pictogram, Out & Equal recommends using other ADA-compliant signage that doesn't reinforce gender binaries, such as an image of a toilet in lieu of gendered pictograms (see *Figure B*).

FIGURE B



¹ <u>CBC 11B-703.7.2.6.3</u> stipulates that the circle must be 12 inches in diameter and ¼ thick. The triangle must be 12 inches on each side and ¼ inch thick with an upward facing vertex. Symbol must be <u>centered horizontally</u> on the door at a height of 58 inches minimum and 60 inches maximum above the floor.

² The wall-mounted <u>sign</u> must be located at a minimum of 48 inches and 60 inches maximum above floor. The designation signage must have tactile text with an exact braille translation directly below the text. See CBC 11B-703.1-5 for exact specifications.

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