

Toilet Provision



Build & Derig Phase Requirements

Event organisers have a legal requirement to provide adequate toilet facilities for staff, suppliers and contractors working at their event. Fixed or portable toilets should be made available from the moment that work begins on-site until the site is vacated at the end of the derig phase. The number of toilets, locations and the cleaning requirements will be determined by the size of the site being worked on and the number of people required to use them. The HSE's Code of Practice recommends the following ratios:

Number of people at work	Number of toilets	Number of washbasins
1-5	1	1
6-25	2	2
26-50	3	3
51-75	4	4
76-100	5	5

Further Reading

[HSE Toilets](#)

Event Requirements

Although there is no legal requirement for organisers to provide toilet facilities to non-employees there is dangerous consequences and considerable risk of not doing so and as a result Aberdeen City Council have made it a condition of the use of the land that enough toilets are provided for the public attending the event.

The Purple Guide recommends that a 50:50 ratio of male to female attendees is assumed and that the below person to toilet ratios are followed to ensure sufficient provision.

Event Type	Female Provision	Male Provision
For events with a gate time of less than 6-hours duration opening	1 per 100	1 per 500, plus 1 urinal per 150
For events with a gate opening time of 6 hours or more, but with little or no alcohol or food served	1 per 85	1 per 425, plus 1 urinal per 125
For events with a gate opening time of 6 hours or more, with alcohol and food served in quantity	1 per 75	1 per 400, plus 1 urinal per 100
For campsites at major events, swapping the emphasis from urinal to WCs for males	1 per 75	1 per 150, plus 1 urinal per 250

Portable toilets often come with hand washing gel or foam dispensers built in and although accepted as suitable (when dirt is not visible) they are not as effective as warm running water for killing germs. Hand washing for portable toilets should ideally be at a ratio of 1 hand washing unit per 5 portable toilets.

It is recommended that toilets are clustered together and that these clusters are spread around the event site to ensure that guests do not need to travel long distances to find the nearest toilet. You should also consider signage around the site to ensure customer needs and experience is considered.

Further reading
Purple Guide Toilets

Accessible Provision

As detailed in [Accessibility Arrangements](#), it is a legal requirement to provide accessible facilities for those attending your event. Around 18.5% of the population are disabled so this should be considered when assessing event toilet requirements.

Risk Mitigation

The risks involved in the installation of toilet infrastructure and cleansing throughout the event should be mitigated by coordinating work activities, ensuring cooperation on-site and the management of vehicle movements within pedestrian areas. Advice and guidance on coordinating work activities is available [here](#).

The placement of toilets should allow safe access to service throughout the event without the need for vehicles and pedestrians to interact. If there are locations which require vehicles to travel through pedestrian areas, then this must be carefully managed to prevent accident or injury. Further information on internal event traffic management can be found [here](#).

A system of reporting and responding should be developed along with regular monitoring/inspections to prevent toilets becoming unhygienic.

Mandatory Condition:

Aberdeen City Council and the Aberdeen Safety Advisory Group require events to provide a suitable and sufficient number of toilets and hand washing facilities for the numbers attending and type of event proposed.