



## Code Interpretation - Number 2007 - 03

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Background: An accessible single user toilet room is designed in accordance with Building Code of New York State (BCNYS) Chapter 11 and ICC ANSI A117.1 section 604.

Question: Can the lavatory be placed within the required clear floor space for the water closet?

Interpretation:

NO. BCNYS section 101.2 requires accessibility in accordance with ICC/ANSI A117.1 (1997). Section 604.3.2 of ICC/ANSI A117.1 permits the clearance around the water closet to "overlap the fixture, associated grab bars, tissue dispensers, accessible routes, and clear floor or ground space, or clearances at other fixtures and the wheelchair turning space." Section 604.3.1 requires the clearance around the water closet to be "60 inches minimum, measured perpendicular from the side wall, and 56 inches minimum, measured perpendicular from the rear wall." However, this section also states:

No other fixtures or obstructions shall overlap the water closet clearance.

Therefore, the lavatory is required to be outside the required clear floor space for the toilet.

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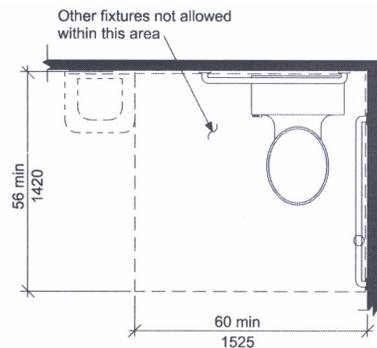


Fig. 604.3  
Size of Clearance for Water Closet  
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