

CHANGING PLACES TOP TIPS

A provider's 'top 10' for a successful, compliant, useable Changing Places toilet.

1. Ensure there is appropriate water supply-ingress, drainage and associated connected pipework to where needed for WC, washbasin, shower
2. Ensure there is an appropriate electrical supply, with associated spurs, connection outlets where needed for washbasin, shower (and wash & dry WC if included)
3. Changing bench: is the wall strong enough to support the load (200kg)? If not, then a mobile, floor-standing version is more suitable
4. Full room cover overhead track hoist: is the ceiling strong enough to bear the load (200kg)? If not, a gantry version using slimline, discreet legs provides the necessary structural support for the hoist. NB the hoist must at least offer sufficient coverage to easily position users over the changing bench, over the WC
5. Ceiling height: 2.4m minimum, to enable adequate space to lift someone from a wheelchair, and transfer them to the equipment, at a height that the equipment can then be used.
6. Height-adjustable wash basin: ensure connections are appropriately concealed behind protective covers to avoid risk of snagging, entrapment
7. Mirror: a "must have" fixture, ideally full length, but at least fixed at a height where people, ambulant or in a wheelchair, can use it
8. Towel dispenser: fixed at a height suitable for access by ambulant people and those in a wheelchair



9. WC: peninsular, to allow transfer, access from either side (at least 1m from the nearest wall to the centre of the WC) NB BS8300:2018 notes that a wash & dry toilet in place of a conventional WC adds dignity and independence for users

10. Privacy screen: to provide discretion for users of the changing bench and/or WC

For full details of the specification for a Changing Places toilet facility:
<https://www.closomat.co.uk/changing-places/changing-places.html>

The small print: the above 'top ten tips' are guidance only, offered as a result of our extensive experience in supplying and installing scores of Changing Places and assisted accessible toilets across the UK. All relevant permissions need to be obtained, and Building Regulations followed. We would also recommend appropriate signage on the door and around your facility: if people don't know you have it, how can they find it, use it?

The Closomat solution:

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