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Section 443.3.5.4

Question:

Is it the intent of this section on shielding devices to require that if a person is standing at a hand dryer they cannot be seen from a corridor if there is no door on the restroom.

Answer

If the hand dryer is in the toilet room, yes a partition or shielding device is required. The code requires to block the view of the occupants in the toilet room, not from a particular area in the toilet room.

Commentary:

A shielding device is required by code, whether it is a door, partition or some other type of device to shield the occupants from view at all times while the occupants are inside the toilet room area.

NOTE: 443 only applies to Schools, Colleges and Universities.

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