

Technical Memorandum

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Diaper Changing Stations

TAS has no specific scoping requirements for diaper changing stations, however, applicable technical standards exist and shall be applied to the extent possible. In accordance with TAS 4.1.1(b), if diaper changing stations are provided, at least one changing station within a space or area must be accessible.

Accessible diaper changing stations – both fixed counters and folding types – must be on an accessible route. They must comply with TAS 4.2 Space Allowances and Reach Ranges and the height of the diaper changing surface must comply with TAS 4.32.4 Height of Tables or Counters. Additionally, controls and latches for folding type surfaces must comply with TAS 4.27 Controls and Operating Mechanisms.

NOTE: Typically, diaper changing stations need to be approached in a forward position to allow someone in a wheelchair proper access. Although knee clearance as specified in TAS 4.32.3 is not required, it is recommended.