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Mandated Baby Changing Tables in Men's Room?

Last October, President Obama signed into law the BABIES Act (Bathrooms Accessible in Every Situation Act), which requires diaper-changing facilities in restrooms for both men and women. Lost in the media coverage were the details of exactly which public facilities need to be compliant with the BABIES act.



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To be precise, the public buildings which must comply with this legislation are only public federal buildings, such as Social Security offices, courthouses and post offices. It does not apply to other buildings where the public may frequent, such as restaurants and retail stores.

In fact, there are no federal laws mandating buildings open to the public must even offer restroom facilities.

However, in Maryland there is legislation requiring retail establishments to allow customers to use employee bathroom facilities if the customer suffers from a medical condition requiring immediate access to a toilet (Ally's Law).

 **Change Table Dad** (@changetabledad - 22 May 2016)
You'll ONLY find #changetable in men's room @Catch122! #dads! Sturdy, clean & awesome! @KoalaKare @CityofVancouver



If you already have restroom facilities for patrons, it is a good public relations investment to offer a baby changing table. **An investment of around \$200 for one of our changing tables can result in many thankful parents spreading the word through the power of social media,** such as @changetabledad tweets.

A study conducted several years ago showed **75% of the respondents deliberately looked for establishments with child-accommodation amenities.** Currently, there is a [website under development](#) to help parents find restrooms that have changing tables.

If you offer a restroom for the public's use, you are mandated to comply with the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), which specifies exact measurements for access and wall dispenser reach. Hanging a dispenser just an inch off can result in penalties, as can placing a waste receptacle in the wrong area.

In addition to height and protrusion specifications, the **ADA also specifies the ease of operating the levers, paddles and controls for tissue, towels, vending, and soap dispensers.** We carry a full range of dispensers that comply with the ADA and can help you in ascertaining the correct placement of these dispensers in your restrooms.

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