



Temporary Food Event Toilet Requirements

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Where existing toilet facilities are judged inadequate, you must make available additional portable units.

Toilet locations should be:

- Well marked.
- Near hand-washing stations.
- Well lit (including the surrounding area) if night use is anticipated.
- Serviced (including pump-out of portables) on a 24-hour schedule during the event
- (Vehicle access is obviously necessary).
- Located away from food storage and food service areas.
- Secured to prevent tipping.

The following considerations will determine the number of toilets to be provided for particular events:

- Duration of the event
- Type of crowd
- Weather conditions
- Whether the event is pre-ticketed with the numbers of attendees known, or unticketed
- Whether finishing times are staggered if the event has multi-functions
- Whether alcohol will be consumed

Calculating the number of toilets required for an event can be a particular challenge. Where local laws or regulations do not exist, the following guidelines can be applied. Better management of events can be achieved by providing additional facilities. Assume a 50/50 male/female split unless otherwise advised. The following tables should be used only as a guide.

Toilet facilities for events where alcohol is not available

Male				Female	
Patrons	Toilets	Urinals	Sinks	Toilets	Sinks
<500	1	2	2	6	2
<1000	2	4	4	9	4
<2000	4	8	6	12	6
<3000	6	15	10	18	10
<5000	8	25	17	30	17

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Toilet facilities for events where alcohol is available

Male				Female	
Patrons	Toilets	Urinals	Sinks	Toilets	Sinks
<500	3	8	2	13	2
<1000	5	10	4	16	4
<2000	9	15	7	18	7
<3000	10	20	14	22	14
<5000	12	30	20	40	20

These figures may be reduced for shorter duration events as follows:

Duration of event	Quantity required
More than 8 hours	100%
6-8 hours	80%
4-6 hours	75%
Less than 4 hours	70%