

MSC Guidelines for Review of Public bathrooms in stairs

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| Regulations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ SOLAS 2001 Cite: II-2/9.2.2.3.2.2 (9)❑ SOLAS 1974 Cite: II-2/26.2.2 (11) |
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| Regulation Text | <p>“(9) Sanitary and other similar spaces - Communal sanitary facilities, showers, baths, water closets, etc. Private sanitary facilities shall be considered a portion of the space in which they are located.”</p> |
| Guidance | <p>Public bathrooms in stairs that are provided with reduced (B-class) boundaries between the bathroom and stair should be protected with automatic sprinklers if the continuous B-class boundary is broken by removal of the door. (See Drawing 2)</p> |
| Background | <p>SOLAS permits a reduction in SFP boundary (from A-0 to B-15) between a stair and public bathroom if the bathroom is enclosed entirely within the boundary of the stair. In this case, the bathroom will generally not be fitted with automatic sprinklers. However, some bathrooms have removed the B-15 door and installed a barrier screen, thereby breaching the continuous B-15 boundary. In these cases, additional protection should be provided.</p> |