GENDER-NEUTRAL Restroom Signs in Denver

For single-occupant, family, and accessible facilities only

Under the Denver Building and Fire Code (as amended in December 2016), all single-occupant restrooms, family restrooms, and assisted-use restrooms must have signage indicating they are open for use to all persons, regardless of gender, and the exterior bathroom door must be lockable from the inside. This means removing any signs that say or imply “men’s” or “women’s” from single-stall bathrooms. In most cases, the only change needed is a new sign.

Using gender-neutral signs is a simple change that helps build a more inclusive and welcoming city by removing barriers for those who are transgender, gender-nonconforming, or non-binary, or need to accompany a caregiver, or a child, of a different gender to the restroom.

- A single-occupant restroom is one that contains only one toilet and a sink, or a toilet and urinal with a sink, and is intended for use by one person at a time.

- Signs on family and assisted-use restrooms must contain both the “family” or ADA designation and a gender-neutral reference.

- This code does not apply to restrooms with multiple stalls or portable toilets.

- Anyone can call 3-1-1 (720-913-1311) to report a non-gender-neutral sign where there should be one, and a city inspector will follow up to check. Inspectors can connect business/building owners with more information as needed, and will follow up a second time in 30 days to confirm the restroom has met the updated code.

Visit www.denvergov.org/buildingcode for more information and sign examples.