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## **Guideline – Disabled Accessibility - Mercantile Building Approvals Department**

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**Purpose:** To ensure that the requirements for disabled accessibility to a building or tenancy, are interpreted and applied in a consistent manner.

### **Discussion:**

Sentence 3.8.2.1(1) states:

*“Except as provided in Sentence (2), access shall be provided to all storeys of buildings of new construction.”*

Clause 3.8.2.1.(2)(e) states:

*“in Group E, shops and stores with a total Retail floor area of less than 50 m<sup>2</sup> (see Appendix “A”), and ...” (p. 492).*

Appendix “A” further states:

*“Any individual Group E shop with a total retail floor space of less than 50 m<sup>2</sup> is exempt from the requirements of Section 3.8. A building could contain several such stores and each one would be exempt from the access requirements although other large stores and the building containing them all would be accessible.”*

### **Conclusion:**

If an individual shop or store in a mall has a retail floor area of less than 50 m<sup>2</sup>, the tenancy is not required to be accessible and would not require a disabled washroom.

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