

TOP TEN TIPS WHEN DESIGNING A BATHROOM FOR OVER 50'S



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Stepless shower recess

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A height adjustable shower hose and rail system

850mm wide



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850mm clear minimum opening at doorways

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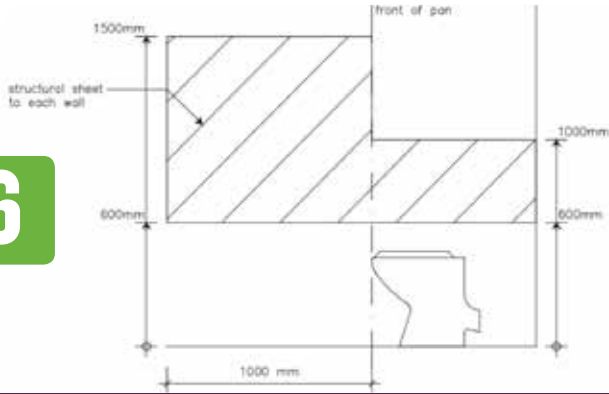
An accessible toilet suite
(taller than standard suites)

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Recessed or wall mounted basin with
clearance underneath

6



Ply sheeting or additional timber noggings behind walls for future fixing of grabrails if required



7

Lever or quarter turn tapware with soft turn washers

8



Combined heat, light and steam extraction system

9



Thermostatic temperature control

10



Spacious bathroom layout with maximum circulation space

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WHAT TO AVOID IF POSSIBLE:



1

Baths and shower over baths



2

High gloss potentially slippery floor tiles



3

Glass shower screens



4

Large steps at the shower entry point



5

Small bathrooms and ensuites with insufficient circulation space

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