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WHSGreenBill
WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY BILL

Bathroom safety retirement villages

Item 1. The bathroom in the independent living unit in which I reside the water flow/water temperature control device for the shower is located 1.9 metres from the shower head. A shower user must therefore walk approximately 3 metre (there and back) to adjust the water flow and/or temperature. To make the necessary adjustment may require 3 return trips (9 metres) across wet tiles. This is extremely hazardous, especially for the elderly. This hazard could be easily avoided by establishing a ruling requiring these devices to be within reach from under the shower.

Item 2. The shower door relating to item 1 has virtually no clearance to the bathroom floor thus preventing the use of a bath mat. The shower user must therefore step directly onto wet bathroom floor tiles which results in exposure to a similar hazard to that described above. A requirement for the necessary clearance would not impede wheel chair access.

I would be grateful for consideration being given to these matters during the reviewing process of the Bill.

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