

Public toilets are open for all to see

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MANY have been grumbling about the inconvenience and difficulty of using public toilets meant for the physically challenged because such toilets are usually locked.

Conversely, the doors of public toilets for the able-bodied are often kept so widely open that people using the toilets have little privacy.

At the Jurong East MRT station, for example, someone walking past the men's toilet has a full view of the first two urinals.

If a woman passer-by chanced upon a man just as he was using the toilet, she might complain to the authorities that he exposed himself to her.

Who then should be held responsible?

The Restroom Association of Singapore has always strived towards clean public toilets and educating people on good toilet etiquette.

Perhaps the association could explore how public toilets could be better designed to allow users more privacy.

I would also like to ask the opinion of the authorities as to whether the doors to public toilets should be kept open or closed.