

Gender-Neutral Washrooms at Western

Western is committed to providing a learning and working environment that is safe and inclusive.

Part of this commitment includes making gender-neutral washrooms accessible to the individuals that need them. On this page, you can learn more about the importance of having gender-neutral washrooms and where they are located on campus.

Why is it important to have Gender-Neutral Washrooms?

Access to gender-neutral washrooms is an equity and safety issue because many queer and trans people are frequently subjected to overt and covert emotional and physical harassing behaviors when they enter or exit gender-segregated washrooms.

However, this issue not only affects people who identify as trans, but also many others who express their gender in non-stereotypical ways (e.g., a masculine woman or an effeminate man).

It is not uncommon for individuals to be:

- Insulted.
- Questioned about their gender.
- Hear “whispers” designed for them to hear.
- Receive glaring looks of disgust.
- Confronted with potential violence.

As a result, some differently gendered individuals may avoid public washrooms. Not using washrooms may lead to health and emotional risks if physical needs remain unmet.

Are Gender-Neutral Washrooms Available to Everyone?

A gender-neutral washroom is simply a single-user facility which is not labeled male or female but rather, is available to anyone regardless of gender identity or biological sex. At Western, many gender-neutral washrooms are also wheelchair accessible, and are identified by the standard wheelchair icon.

A single-user washroom provides privacy for any individual who requires it. For example:

- Individuals with opposite-sex attendants.
- Breastfeeding mothers.
- Parents with small children.
- Individuals with health needs (e.g., diabetics injecting insulin).
- Individuals washing before prayer.
- Shy individuals.

Where are Gender-Neutral Washrooms Located at Western?

The following purple signs are used on all gender-neutral, single-user washrooms:



Western will be adding or replacing signage on all gender-neutral washrooms over the next couple of years.

Below is a list of room numbers of all single-user, gender-neutral washrooms.

List of Room Numbers, by Building:

Alumni Hall

- AH 103
- AH 109

Biotron

- BIOTRON 03
- BIOTRON 04

Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel

- BLWT 22
- BLWT 156

Collip Building

- CB 109

Chemistry Building

- ChB 006

Dr. Don Rix Clinical Skills Learning Building

- CSB 1733

Dental Sciences Building

- DSB 0160C
- DSB 0160D

Elborn College

- EC 1514
- EC 1515
- EC 2238
- EC 2239

Health Sciences Addition

- HSA 11

Arthur & Sonia Labatt Health Sciences Building

- HSB 200P (inside Dean's office)
- HSB 422

Kresge Building

- KB 10

Natural Science Centre

- NSC 20A
- NSC 20B
- NSC 175 (inside Taylor Library).
- NSC 221

North Campus Building

- NCB 452
- NCB 453

Siebens Drake Research Institute

- SDRI 136
- SDRI 137

Social Science Centre

- SSC 3318
- SSC 4318
- SSC 5318
- SSC 6318
- SSC 7318
- SSC 8351

Somerville House

- SH 1302
- SH 3323
- SH 3325

Stevenson Hall

- STvH 1126
- STvH 1151
- STvH 2128
- STvH 4128

Support Services Building

- SSB 1312

Talbot College

- TC 135

University Community Centre

- UCC 11F (inside Student Health Services)
- UCC 12G (inside Student Health Services)
- UCC 14K (inside Student Health Services)
- UCC 14L (inside Student Health Services)
- UCC 15A (inside Student Health Services; accessible to staff only)
- UCC 25 (inside Student Health Services)

- UCC 26 (inside Student Health Services)
- UCC 148

John Labatt Visual Arts Centre

- VAC 303

Weldon Library

- WL 119A (locked – obtain key at service desk)
- WL 245B (locked – obtain key at service desk)

Western Student Recreation Centre

- Students can ask for a staff member at the equipment desk to open the family change room.

Western Student Services Building

- WSS 0147
- WSS 1119
- WSS 2119
- WSS 3119
- WSS 4119

Gender-neutral washrooms can also be found on the floor plans inventory from Facilities Management, available here: <http://facilities.vm.its.uwo.pri/accessibility/>

Note: the list and floor plans are still being updated so be sure to check back as we identify more washrooms. If you find a single-user washroom (gender-neutral or not) that is not listed, please email us at: equity@uwo.ca.