

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY RULE**



**34.01.99.P1 Multiple-Occupancy Private Space Designation and Use**

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**Rule Summary**

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This rule provides guidance on the designation and use of private spaces based on sex, as defined in [Texas Government Code, Title 10, Subtitle Z, Chapter 3002 Regulation of Individuals in Certain Spaces and Facilities According to Sex](#). The rule applies to all members of the Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) community, including students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors, and governs the use of university private spaces in buildings that are owned, operated, or controlled by PVAMU, its branch campuses, and other teaching/research locations.

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**Rule**

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**1. GENERAL**

- 1.1 Multiple-occupancy private spaces, including restrooms, locker rooms, changing rooms, or shower rooms, will be designated for use only by individuals of one sex, male or female. The university may change the designation of a multiple- or single-occupancy space with appropriate notice and signage.
- 1.2 All members of the university community, including faculty, staff, students, contractors, and visitors, are expected to only enter the multiple-occupancy private space corresponding to their sex, as defined herein, unless meeting one of the exceptions outlined in Section 4.

**2. DESIGNATION REQUIREMENTS**

- 2.1 Private Space Designation
  - 2.1.1 Private spaces must be properly designated with university-approved signage posted on or in close proximity to the entrance of the private space.
  - 2.1.2 Single-Occupancy Private Spaces owned, operated, or controlled by PVAMU may be designated as either male, female, or unisex.
  - 2.1.3 Multiple-Occupancy Private Spaces owned, operated, or controlled by PVAMU must be designated for use only by individuals of one sex.
- 2.2 Athletics and Recreational Facilities
  - 2.2.1 Multiple-Occupancy Private Spaces that are part of an athletic and/or recreational facility and are intended for use by athletic or other single-sex

teams who are participating in a competition, sporting event, or utilizing the facility for practice must be designated for use by the designated sex of the team, male or female, that is scheduled to use the facility for a sporting event or practice.

- 2.2.2 To ensure that individuals of the opposite sex do not inappropriately enter multiple-occupancy private spaces, university staff with authority over the impacted space will ensure home and visiting teams are made aware of this rule.
- 2.2.3 A multiple-occupancy private space may be temporarily designated as a non-private space. Temporary re-designation of a space may be warranted for coaching, athlete pre- or post-event medical care, media interviews, development, recruiting, or other instances approved by the Director of Athletics or Director of Recreational Sports, as applicable, in consultation with the Office of University Ethics and Compliance.
- 2.2.4 To ensure the privacy of athletes and others is respected, clear protocol must be adopted, documented, and followed by the applicable unit to ensure that no one is in a state of undress and occupants are placed on clear notice that the space is in a non-private status. Temporary signage must be posted at or near the space's entrance during these times.

### **3. PROHIBITIONS**

- 3.1 The use of a multiple-occupancy private space by an individual whose sex is opposite to the sex designation of the private space is prohibited, unless the use meets an exception or an accommodation outlined in Section 4.
- 3.2 Those in violation of this rule are subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for students, termination for employees, and criminal trespass for contractors and visitors.
- 3.3 The use of electronic or other devices to make an audio, video, still frame, or photographic record of any person without their prior knowledge, or without their effective consent when the person or persons being recorded have a reasonable expectation of privacy, and/or such recording is likely to cause injury or distress, is prohibited. Such a recording may constitute a criminal offense under [Texas Penal Code § 21.15. Invasive Visual Recording](#).

### **4. EXCEPTIONS**

- 4.1 Certain individuals may enter private spaces designated for the opposite sex for the purpose of:
  - 4.1.1 Providing custodial services;
  - 4.1.2 Performing maintenance;
  - 4.1.3 Inspecting facilities;

- 4.1.4 Providing medical or other emergency assistance, which includes medical assistance provided by athletic trainers, team physicians, or other medical personnel designated by the institution to provide such services;
- 4.1.5 Assisting an individual who needs assistance using the facility;
- 4.1.6 Performing law enforcement duties; or,
- 4.1.7 Rendering assistance to prevent a serious threat to order or safety.

## 5. ACCOMMODATIONS

- 5.1 A qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable access and use accommodation in accordance with this rule.
- 5.2 A child nine years of age or younger may enter a multi-occupancy private space designated for the opposite sex of the child when accompanied by an individual caring for the child.

## 6. REPORTING VIOLATIONS

- 6.1 Potential violations of this rule should be reported to the Office of University Ethics and Compliance at [universitycompliance@pvamu.edu](mailto:universitycompliance@pvamu.edu) or by calling 936-261-2144 or via an [EthicsPoint](#) report.
- 6.2 Employees who are notified or otherwise become aware of a suspected violation of this rule must notify the Office of University Ethics and Compliance promptly. Notifications may be sent to [universitycompliance@pvamu.edu](mailto:universitycompliance@pvamu.edu) or by calling 936-261-2144 and should include as much detail as possible.
- 6.3 Upon review of the documentation received by the Office of University Ethics and Compliance, any suspected violations of this rule will then be referred to the following areas for additional review:
  - 6.3.1 Student reports will be directed to the Office of the Dean of Students;
  - 6.3.2 Faculty reports will be directed to the Office of Faculty Affairs;
  - 6.3.3 Staff reports will be directed to the Office of Human Resources; and,
  - 6.3.4 Third-party reports will be reviewed by the Office of University Ethics and Compliance.

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### Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

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[Tex. Gov. Code, Title 10, Subtitle Z, Ch. 3002, Regulation of Individuals in Certain Spaces and Facilities According to Sex](#)

[Texas Edu. Code, § 51.209, Unauthorized Persons; Refusal of Entry, Ejection, Identification](#)

## Definitions

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**Female** - An individual who naturally has or will have or had or would have but for a congenital anomaly or an intentional or unintentional disruption, a reproductive system designed to produce, transport, and provide eggs for fertilization.

**Male** - An individual who naturally has or will have or had or would or would have but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional disruption, a reproductive system designed to produce, transport, and utilize sperm for fertilization.

**Multiple-occupancy private space** - A facility designed or designated for simultaneous use by more than one individual and in which an individual may be in a state of undress in the presence of another individual, regardless of whether the facility provides curtains or partial walls for privacy. This includes multiple-occupancy restrooms, locker rooms, changing rooms, or shower rooms.

**Sex** - An individual's biological sex, either male or female.

**Single-occupancy private space** - A facility designed or designated for use by only one individual at a time, in which the individual may be in a state of undress. This includes single-occupancy restrooms, locker rooms, changing rooms or shower rooms, and single-occupancy sleeping quarters.

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## Contact Office

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