

School Environment Team (SET) Project

Bathrooms and Locker Rooms Checklist Line Item Explanations

The following material explains, line by line, why a unique item is on the checklist. If an item appears on the Master, too, it is not re-explained here. This document follows in order of the checklist for easy reference. Remember that each person's opinion as to what an odor is or what the cause of a problem is may differ from another person's. As you make observations, try not to interpret what you see, smell, feel or hear.

1. Traps on drains prevent the incursion of sewer gas odors.
2. To prevent the incursion of sewer gas odors and to ensure that there is no standing water, floor drains should empty quickly. This prevents the development of bacteria, mold, etc.
3. All drains from floors to work basins, troughs, water-fountains and sinks should have clean unobstructed drains that allow water to flow freely to prevent standing water.
4. Shower areas should be used appropriately. Nothing should be stored in these areas.
5. Hot taps on sinks should dispense hot water and should function correctly to prevent burns and standing water and splashing of water. Cold taps should operate similarly.
6. Toilets need to flush and drain properly to promote healthy sanitation.
7. There should be no odors indicative of mold as it poses a health risk to some individuals.
8. Stains on ceilings, walls, floors and other porous materials may indicate a leak, which can lead to the development of bacteria and mold if not corrected.
9. Roof or wall leaks indicate water incursion, which can lead to unhealthy conditions and deteriorates the building.
10. Broken or leaky windows can also lead to water incursion and can be a security risk.
11. Leaky plumbing can cause standing water to occur which can lead to slips, development of mold and bacteria and deterioration of the building.