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## Designing Spaces for Independent Living

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**1. What is the recommended maximum distance from the front edge of a basin to the tapware controls to ensure accessibility for all users?**

For public accessible bathrooms, the recommended maximum distance from the front edge of the basin to the tapware controls is 300mm, as per AS 1428.1:2021. In Sole Occupancy Units (SOUs), this distance can extend to 475mm.

**2. What type of tap handle is recommended for users with limited grip strength or dexterity?**

Lever handles are the most accessible option, as they require minimal force and no twisting of the wrist.

**3. In accessible bathroom design, where should the hot tap be positioned in a horizontal configuration with separate hot and cold taps?**

AS 1428.1 requires that in horizontal tap configurations, hot water is always on the left and cold on the right, following common standards for intuitive and safe use.

**4. What diameter range is required for compliant grabrails under AS 1428.1?**

AS 1428.1 specifies that grabrails must have an external diameter between 30mm and 40mm to ensure they can be comfortably and securely gripped by users with a range of hand sizes and abilities.

**5. What is the minimum required clearance between a grabrail and any adjacent surface to allow for proper hand grip?**

AS 1428.1 specifies a minimum 50mm clearance between the grabrail and the wall (or any adjacent surface) to ensure users can comfortably and safely wrap their hand around the rail without obstruction.

**6. How does colour contrast improve grabrail usability for people with vision impairment?**

Grabrails with high colour contrast to surrounding surfaces (e.g. dark rail on light wall) are easier to locate and use, especially for people with low vision or cognitive impairment.