

INTRODUCTION

This guide is to assist people to design laundries with increased accessibility especially for people with a disability. The information is based on AS 1428.2 Clauses A14 – A18 and related references.

1. LAUNDRY TUBS

Shallow depth (i.e. 150mm which is a sink type) preferred.

Preference for access under as per AS 1428.2 Figure A2.

If it is not practical to provide access under the laundry tub an approach beside the laundry tub can be considered but it is not preferred.

2. TAPS

Taps can be mounted on bench, back wall or side wall provided they are a maximum 300mm from front of bench to handle.

Lever type or capstan.

Hot tap on left or above.

Spout at back of tub is acceptable but it should not restrict access to taps.

3. WASHING MACHINE/DRYER

Front loading, side hung doors preferred. Doors to be handed to suit room layout and increase access.

Clear soft touch controls on front or side (maximum 300mm back).

Heights to be such to maintain the ability to open the door and to reach into the equipment to recover the clothes. Based on AS 1428.2 Figure 21, the maximum height to the handle on the opening of the dryer to be 1,200mm above floor level and minimum height of the lower part of the inside of the dryer or washing machine to be 200mm above floor level. (These are an extrapolation based on facts that the inside of the machines are not more than 600mm deep and clothes have a bulk and can be reached short of the back corner). Refer Figures 1 and 2.

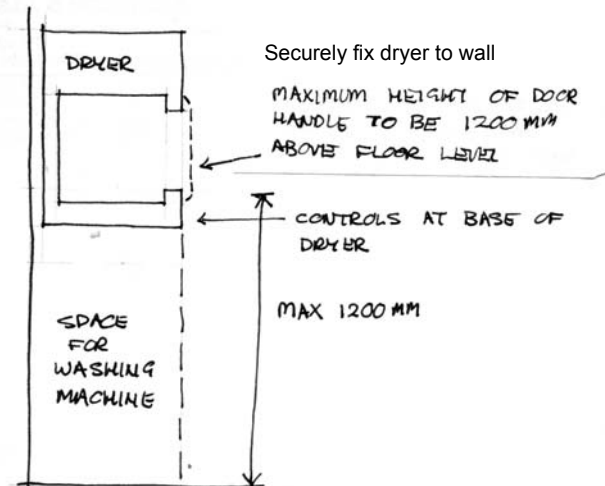


Figure 1

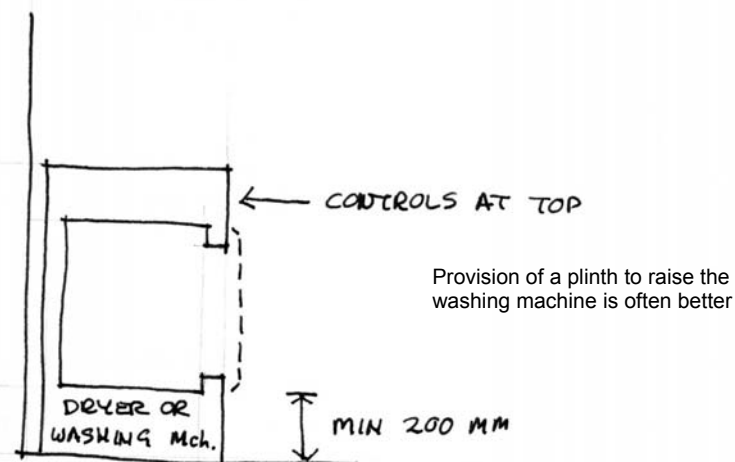


Figure 2

NOTE: A combined washer/dryer has some advantages of increasing accessibility and saving space if located correctly.

4. SHELVES

Adjustable shelves are preferred as they can be located to suit individual needs.

5. CLOTHES LINE

Be able to adjust clothes lines so that the operating height is reachable ie between 1,100mm and 1,600mm above ground.

Paving under the clothes line should extend at least 600mm beyond area of the clothes line.

A path/route to clothes line to comply with AS 1428.1 which is at least 1,000mm wide and a maximum gradient of 1 in 40.

6. IRONING BOARD

Secure fold down ironing board is preferred with ability to set the level to suit the individual.

7. SPACE

Minimum circulation space of 1,500mm in front of fixtures and fittings.

8. POWER POINTS

Reachable (within 300mm of front of bench) and at a maximum height of 1,100mm..

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