

Bidet shower adjacent to WCs

✓ What level of backflow risk is a shower bidet adjacent to a WC?

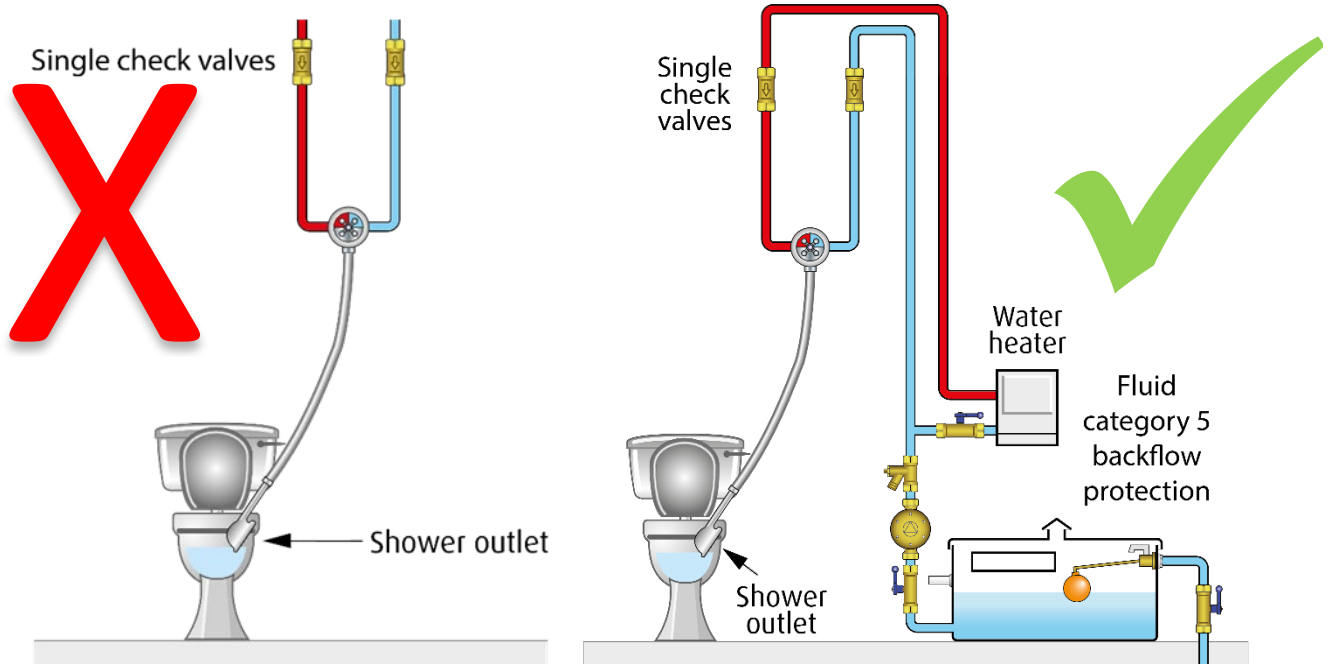
A shower bidet adjacent to a WC is considered to be a [fluid category 5](#) risk

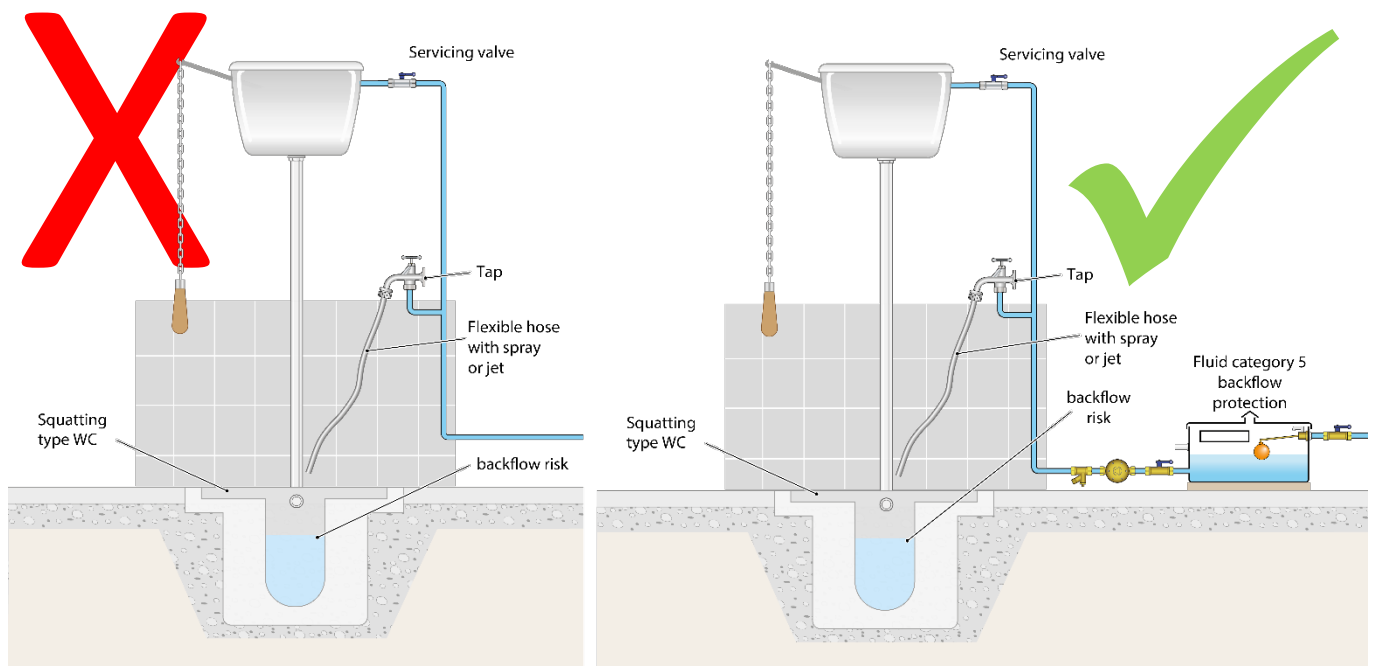
✓ Has consent to install a shower bidet been granted?

The installation of a bidet shower is [notifiable](#) in [Scotland](#) and [Northern Ireland](#) and could be notifiable in England and Wales, for example as a [material change of use](#).

Notification is an important simple and essential check to minimise the risk to water supplies both within a premises and the wider community.

If notification is not required, for example because it is undertaken by an approved contractor, there remains a legal obligation for the premises owner or occupier to ensure the plumbing work is fully compliant with the water fittings regulations, byelaws in Scotland.





✓ **What forms of backflow protection are typically acceptable?**

Both the cold water supply to a shower bidet, and where appropriate hot water, must be supplied via a suitable form of fluid category 5 backflow prevention, for example via a break tank arrangement incorporating a Type AB air gap.

✓ **Can multiple shower bidets be supplied from the same break tank arrangement incorporating a Type AB air gap?**

Providing the water is not to be used for drinking, cooking or any other forms of washing, the local water undertaker may be willing to consider permitting under conditional consent the use of the same dedicated fluid category 5 backflow protection and distribution arrangement to supply multiple bidet shower arrangements or another bidet, toilet or urinal in the same bathroom.

Please note this will be dependent upon advanced notification of any proposed installation, including any to be completed by an approved contractor.

Please note other requirements apply refer to the Guidance published by Water Regs UK for further information
<https://www.waterregsuk.co.uk/guidance/>

