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TRAPPED IN THE TOILET?



What happens if someone faints in a toilet compartment and needs emergency help? Rescuers would have to squeeze through a gap in the top or bottom, if there is one, and if it is large enough. Otherwise, the door will have to be kicked down, possibly endangering the occupant.

Not so with the Bobrick toilet compartments, fitted by Wearnes subsidiary Polytek Engineering in buildings here. Designed and hinged in a special way, the doors can simply be lifted up and off in an emergency. Built to stringent specifications, they are installed in numerous buildings in Singapore, including Changi Airport.

And in case anyone is wondering, they look like ordinary toilet doors, as outside of emergencies, they open and shut in the usual manner.