

Bathrooms you can bet on: Trusty toilets at the Isle of Capri

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At some point when you were growing up, your mother probably trained you to never touch a public toilet seat. If you're a woman and you heeded this valuable advice, you must be an Olympian squatter by now.

If you are, however, sick of positioning yourself in unnatural ways and lining the seat with toilet paper in an attempt to fend off bacteria, you'll be happy to know that in some places, you'll no longer have to.

Thanks to the initiative of casino general manager Bob Griffin, and to the revolutionary toilet design by Alan Brill of Brill Hygienic Products, the Isle of Capri's ladies' rooms are now equipped with sanitary seats. All of the women's toilets in all of the restrooms are covered with protective cellophane. A simple hand movement in front of a sensor churns out fresh plastic, and stops it automatically when the seat is covered, guaranteeing a clean seat for every user. Rest assured, for a neatly concealed razor blade shreds the used plastic as it rotates into a separate compartment, completely prohibiting reuse. The toilets are also handicap-friendly.

Griffin likes to think of the new toilets not only as a safety measure, but as a contribution specifically directed toward The Isle of Capri's female customers. "The majority of our players are women, and this is for them," says Griffin. The men's rooms have not been provided with the toilets. If these hands-free, electronic wonders make the public as happy as can be assumed, however, they will surely be more widely installed. Already, the restrooms of several airports, casinos and Saks Fifth Avenue stores are equipped with the devices. In the meantime, if you weren't feeling lucky enough at the glamorous Isle of Capri, you can count on one big win in the bathroom!

Alan Brill of Brill Hygienic Products demonstrates his high tech electronic toilet seat in the Isle of Capri Casino. *Photo by Sharon Sweeney*

