

# Safety in Design - Understanding the Challenges

GalvinCare® Safe-Connect  
Shower System

**Providing a safe and appealing environment in a mental health or behavioural-health facility has always been a design challenge.**

Studies have shown that the optimal environment for patients of mental health facilities is one that mimics a homely environment. This concept, known as “normalisation”, has since become more common than the traditional clinical environments of the past which focused solely on safety aspects rather than aesthetic and design aspects.

The GalvinCare® complete shower solution reflects this new philosophy rooted in hope, healing and recovery and has been designed to create a normalised environment with emphasis on robust fixtures and fittings that pose minimal risk of self or carer’s harm.

**The GalvinCare® Safe-Connect Shower reduces four fixtures down to two:**



## Benefits

- ✓ Cheaper material and labour costs compared to traditional four fixture solution.
- ✓ Takes up less wall space for a more aesthetically pleasing and home-like look.
- ✓ Safe and easy to use for patients and caregivers alike.
- ✓ Anti-ligature and anti-vandal design features.
- ✓ Easy retrofit by simply replacing the existing shower head, without the need to add extra water lines, cutting or retiling walls.
- ✓ Having fewer fittings, means better infection control (fewer dead legs and less disinfection required), as well as, savings on maintenance and cleaning.