

8. (a) The total surface area bounding the bathroom is

$$A = 2(2.5 \times 3.0) + 2(3.0 \times 2.0) + 2(2.0 \times 2.5) = 37 \text{ m}^2 .$$

The absolute value of the total electric flux, with the assumptions stated in the problem, is $|\Phi| = |\sum \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A}| = |\vec{E}| A = (600)(37) = 22 \times 10^3 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{C}$. By Gauss' law, we conclude that the enclosed charge (in absolute value) is $|q_{\text{enc}}| = \epsilon_0 |\Phi| = 2.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C}$. Therefore, with volume $V = 15 \text{ m}^3$, and recognizing that we are dealing with negative charges (see problem), we find the charge density is $q_{\text{enc}}/V = -1.3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C/m}^3$.

- (b) We find $(|q_{\text{enc}}|/e)/V = (2.0 \times 10^{-7}/1.6 \times 10^{-19})/15 = 8.2 \times 10^{10}$ excess electrons per cubic meter.