

# Uncomfortably sloped toilet designed to flush out procrastinating employees

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That's one way to get a handle on employees procrastinating in the bathroom.

A start-up company in the United Kingdom was plunged into controversy this week for devising a toilet that slopes 13 [degrees](#) forward, making it uncomfortable to sit for longer than five minutes. The idea: to force people to put down their phones and take care of their business much faster.

"Anything higher than that would cause wider problems. Thirteen degrees is not too inconvenient, but you'd soon want to get off the seat quite quickly," Mahabir Gill, founder of the [company](#), told Wired in an article published Monday.

In the article, "The corporate poo patrol is coming after your precious toilet time," Gill says the design for the "StandardToilet" has medical benefits, too. But the internet says the idea should get flushed down the loo.

"Say goodbye to comfort breaks," tweeted actor Dave Vescio.

So much for the porcelain throne. "No more [social media](#) in the toilet while on the clock," TV journalist Isiah Carey wrote on Instagram. "Get back to work peasants."

Others struck a more serious note.

"Can we stop with the [toilet](#) patrol please?" disability advocate Emily Ladau tweeted. "I know plenty of people are guilty of using it as a place to procrastinate but so, so many people have bathroom-related access needs."

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