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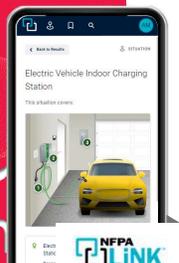


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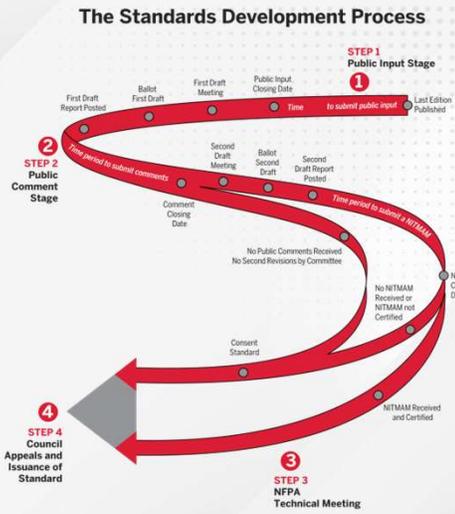
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The Standards Development Process



STEP 1 Public Input Stage

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STEP 2 Public Comment Stage

Time period to submit comments → Second Draft Meeting → Ballot Second Draft → Second Draft Report Posted → Comment Closing Date → Time period to submit a NETMAM → No Public Comments Received / No Second Revisions by Committee → No NETMAM Received or NETMAM not Certified → NETMAM Closing Date

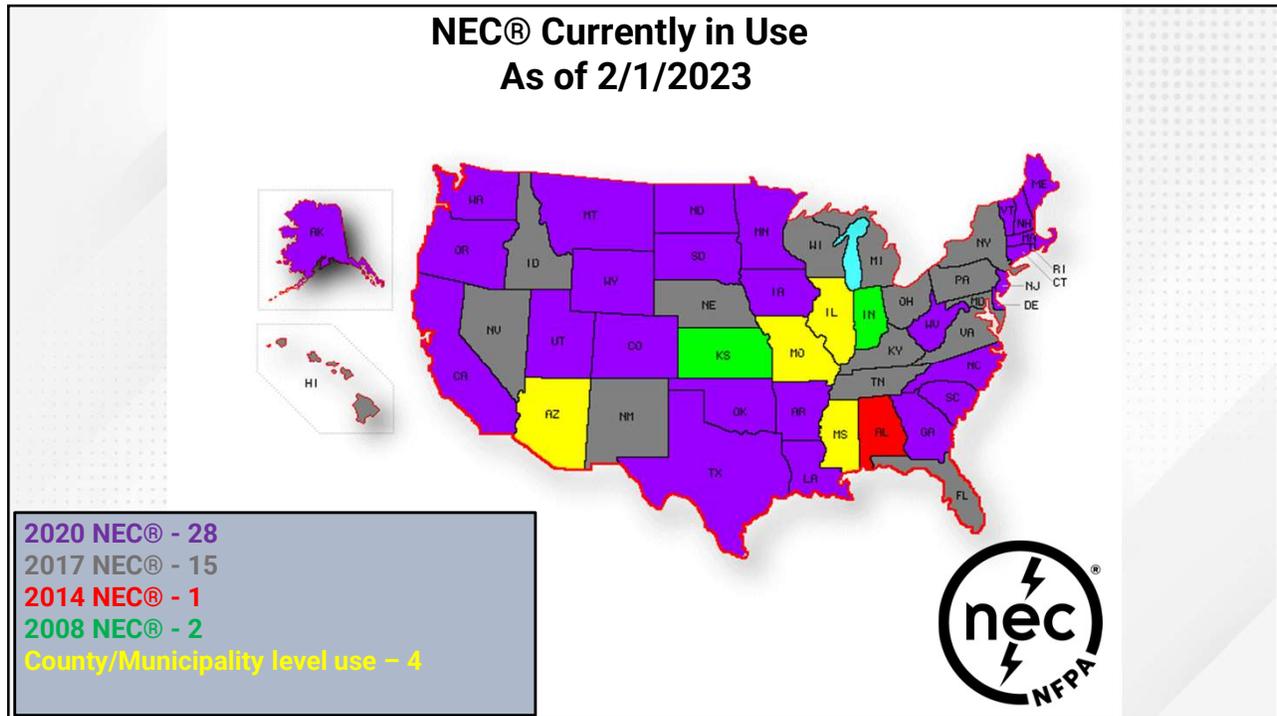
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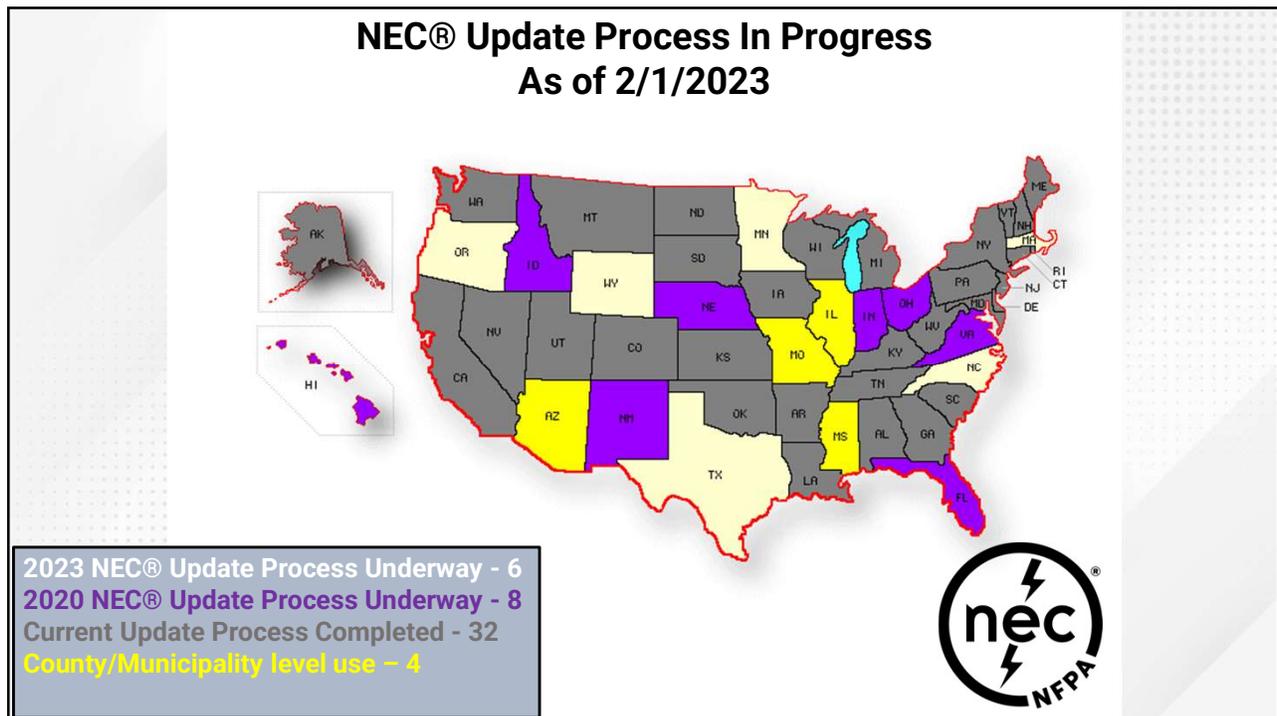
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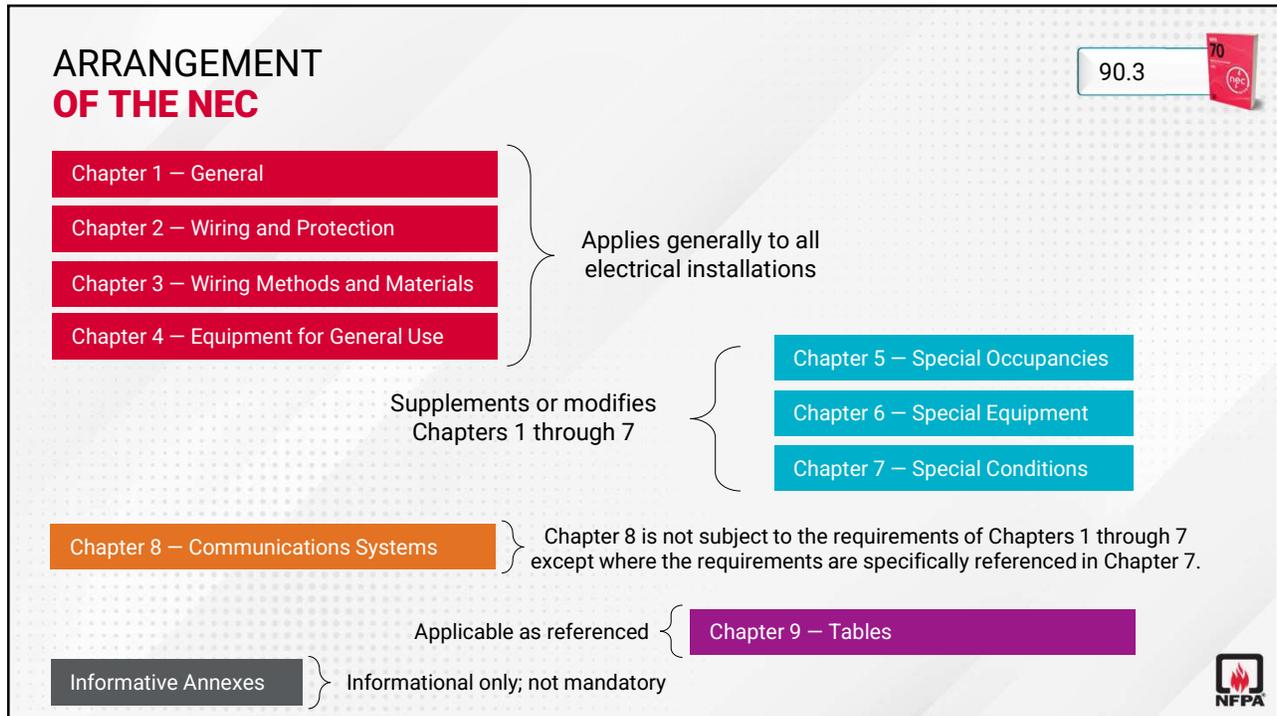
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IDENTIFYING CHANGES

- : One or more sections were deleted.
- N : New material.
- Δ : Text deletions and figure/table revisions.
- Shaded text : Revisions to the text.
- T (NFPA LINK feature): Indicates changed content from a Tentative Interim Amendment (TIA).

706.15 Disconnecting Means.

Δ (A) ESS Disconnecting Means.
Means shall be provided to disconnect the ESS from all wiring systems, including other power systems, utilization equipment, and its associated premises wiring.

N (B) Location and Control.
The disconnecting means shall be readily accessible and shall comply with one or more of the following:

- (1) Located within the ESS
- (2) Located within sight and within 3 m (10 ft) from the ESS
- (3) Where not located within sight of the ESS, the disconnecting means, or the enclosure providing access to the disconnecting means, shall be capable of being locked in accordance with **110.25**

Where controls to activate the disconnecting means of an ESS are used and are not located within sight of the ESS, the disconnecting means shall be lockable in accordance with **110.25**, and the location of the controls shall be marked on the disconnecting means.

For one- and two-family dwellings, an ESS shall include an emergency shutdown function to cease the export of power from the ESS to premises wiring of other systems. An initiation device(s) shall be located at a readily accessible location outside the building and shall plainly indicate whether in the "off" or "on" position. The "off" position of the device(s) shall perform the ESS emergency shutdown function.

Δ (C) Notification and Marking.
Each ESS disconnecting means shall plainly indicate whether it is in the open (off) or closed (on) position and be permanently marked as follows:

"ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM DISCONNECT"

The disconnecting means shall be legibly marked in the field to indicate the following:

(1) Nominal ESS output voltage.



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IDENTIFYING CHANGES USING NFPA LINK™

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Changed Content

(A) Dwelling Units.

All 125-volt through 250-volt receptacles installed in the following locations and supplied by single-phase branch circuits rated 150 volts or less to ground shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel:

- (1) Bathrooms
- (2) Garages and also accessory buildings that have a floor located at or below grade level not intended as habitable rooms and limited to storage areas, work areas, and areas of similar use
- (3) Outdoors
- (4) Crawl spaces – at or below grade level
- (5) Basements
- (6) Kitchens
- (7) Areas with sinks and permanent provisions for food preparation, beverage preparation, or cooking
- (8) Sinks – where receptacles are installed within 1.8 m (6 ft) from the top inside edge of the bowl of the sink.
- (9) Boathouses
- (10) Bathtubs or shower stalls – where receptacles are installed within 1.8 m (6 ft) of the outside edge of the bathtub or shower stall
- (11) Laundry areas
- (12) Indoor damp and wet locations

Exception No. 1: Receptacles that are not readily accessible and are supplied by a branch circuit dedicated to electric snow-melting, deicing, or pipeline and vessel heating equipment shall be permitted to be installed in accordance with **426.28** or **427.22**, as applicable.

Exception No. 2: A receptacle supplying only a permanently installed premises security system shall be permitted to

Text from previous edition:

(A) Dwelling Units.

All 125-volt through 250-volt receptacles installed in the locations specified in (1) through (A)(11) and supplied by single-phase branch circuits rated 150 volts or less to ground shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel.

- (1) Bathrooms
- (2) Garages and also accessory buildings that have a floor located at or below grade level not intended as habitable rooms and limited to storage areas, work areas, and areas of similar use
- (3) Outdoors

Exception to (3): Receptacles that are not readily accessible and are supplied by a branch circuit dedicated to electric snow-melting, deicing, or pipeline and vessel heating equipment shall be permitted to be installed in accordance with **426.28** or **427.22**, as applicable.

(4) Crawl spaces – at or below grade level

(5) Basements

Exception to (5): A receptacle supplying only a permanently installed fire alarm or burglar alarm system shall not be required to have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection.

Informational Note: See **780.41(B)** and **780.121(B)** for power supply requirements for fire alarm systems. Receptacles installed under the exception to **210.8(A)(5)** shall not be considered as meeting the requirements of **210.52(G)**.

- (6) Kitchens – where the receptacles are installed to serve the countertop surfaces
- (8) Sinks – where receptacles are installed within 1.8 m (6 ft) from the top inside edge of the bowl of the sink.
- (9) Boathouses
- (10) Bathtubs or shower stalls – where receptacles are installed within 1.8 m (6 ft) of the outside edge of the bathtub or shower stall

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DEFINITIONS MOVED TO ARTICLE 100

Article 100

ARTICLE 100
Definitions

Part I. General

Part II. Over 1000 Volts, Nominal

Part III. Hazardous (Classified)

ARTICLE XXX

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Article Title

Document definitions relocated to Article 100

2.2.2 Definitions. Definitions of terms used in the requirements of the document shall only be located in Article 100. Article 100 shall not be subdivided.

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RECONDITIONED EQUIPMENT

123.2 

Many articles reserve the **123.2** section for information on **reconditioned equipment**

495.2 Reconditioned Equipment.
Except as modified within this article, reconditioned equipment shall not be permitted.



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NEW MEDIUM VOLTAGE ARTICLES

Articles 235, 245, 305, 495 

- ☑ **Article 235** on branch circuits
- ☑ **Article 245** on overcurrent protection
- ☑ **Article 305** on wiring methods and materials
- ☑ **Article 495** on equipment



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ARC-FLASH HAZARD WARNING

110.16(B) 



- ☑ Arc-flash labels applied for service **and feeder supplied equipment**
- ☑ Rated **1000** amperes or more
- ☑ Label in accordance with acceptable industry practice

 Arc-flash labels may now need to be provided in additional installations

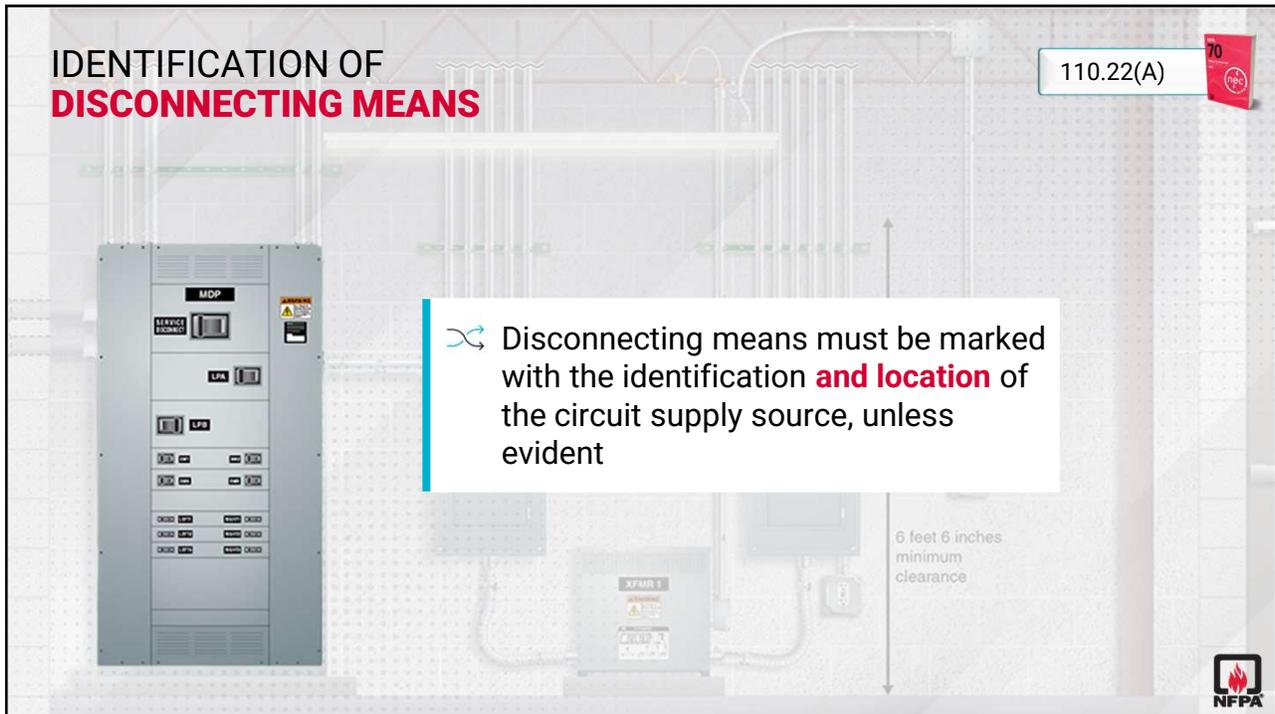
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IDENTIFICATION OF DISCONNECTING MEANS

110.22(A) 



 Disconnecting means must be marked with the identification **and location** of the circuit supply source, unless evident



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WORK SPACE AND GUARDING

110.26(A)(6), 110.34(A)

Working space **kept clear** and floor, grade, or platform:

- ☑ **level and flat** as practicable
- ☑ for the entire **depth** and **width** of the working space

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GFCI PROTECTION – RESIDENTIAL BATHROOMS

210.8(A) Ex. 4

Exhaust fan receptacle exempted from GFCI receptacle requirement

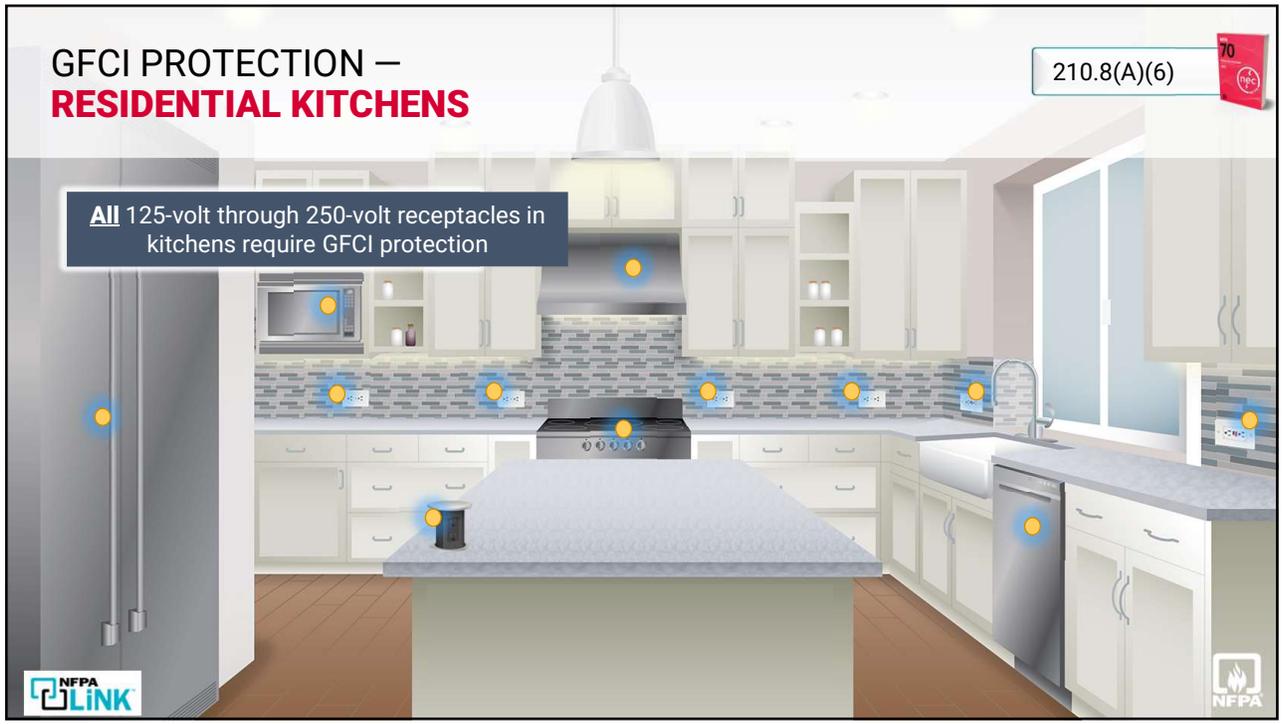
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GFCI PROTECTION – RESIDENTIAL KITCHENS

210.8(A)(6) 

All 125-volt through 250-volt receptacles in kitchens require GFCI protection



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NEW GFCI PROTECTION LOCATIONS

210.8(B) 

New GFCI protection requirements in non-dwelling locations:



BEVERAGE PREP



BUFFET SERVING



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WELLS, ETC.



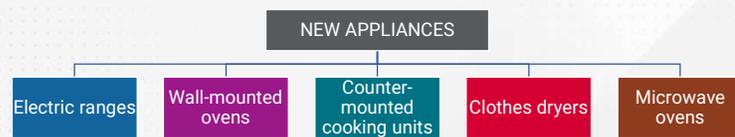
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REQUIRED GFCI PROTECTION ON SPECIFIED APPLIANCES

210.8(D)



Appliances requiring GFCI branch circuit are now **specifically listed** and correlate with 422.5(A)



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AFCI PROTECTION FOR 10-AMPERE BRANCH CIRCUITS

210.12(A), (B), (C), (D)



AFCI protection now required on 20-, 15-, and **10-ampere branch circuits** in:

- Dwelling units
- Dormitory units
- Guest rooms and guest suites
- Patient sleeping rooms
- Sleeping quarters**
within fire stations and similar occupancies



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ISLAND AND PENINSULAR COUNTERTOPS AND WORK SURFACES

210.52(C)(2) and (3)



- ☑ Receptacles not required on islands or peninsulas, but **provisions for future additions must be made**
- ☑ **Cannot** be installed below countertop or work surfaces

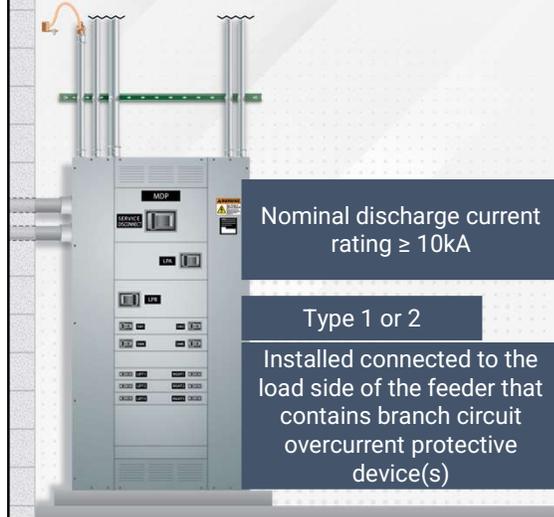


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FEEDER SURGE PROTECTION

New Section!

215.18



Required locations:

- ☑ Dwelling units
- ☑ Dormitory units
- ☑ Guest rooms and guest suites (hotels and motels)
- ☑ Patient sleeping rooms (nursing homes and limited-care facilities)



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LIGHTING LOAD FOR NON-DWELLING OCCUPANCIES

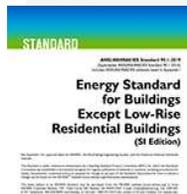
220.42(A)



Table 220.12 220.42(A)
General Lighting Loads by Non-Dwelling Occupancy

Type of Occupancy	Unit Load	
	Volt-amperes/ m ²	Volt-amperes/ ft ²
...		
School/university	⌘ 16	⌘ 1.5
Sports arena	⌘ 16	⌘ 1.5
...		

Unit load values for **schools/universities** and **sports arenas** were updated to align with energy code limits



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ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT LOAD

New Section!

220.57



EVSE required to be sized at the larger of:

7,200 watts

OR

Nameplate rating of the equipment



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ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (EMS) SYSTEM LOAD

New Section! 220.70

Utility

Emergency Management System

Smart appliances

Home area network

Renewable energy sources

Energy storage

Smart meter

EMSs **permitted to reduce loads** on services or feeders

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EMERGENCY DISCONNECTS

New Section! 225.41

Emergency disconnect rule in 230.85 now applies to **feeder-supplied dwelling units or other structures**

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SERVICES SURGE PROTECTION

230.67 



- Dormitory units
- Guest rooms and guest suites (hotels and motels)
- Patient sleeping rooms (nursing homes and limited-care facilities)
- Areas of nursing homes and limited-care facilities used exclusively as patient sleeping rooms

Surge protection on services now required for **dwelling-like occupancies**



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MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DISCONNECTS

230.71(B) 



Does this meet code?

- Permit two to six disconnects in:
 - metering centers with individual main disconnecting means
 - motor control center(s) per 230.71(B)(6)
- New exception allows existing service equipment to have a maximum of six disconnects if installed per previous editions of the NEC



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FRAMES OF RANGES AND CLOTHES DRYERS

250.140



- ☑ Organized into two titled subdivisions
- ☑ Exception converted into positive text under (B)
- ☑ New list items added to provide relief to installers for existing branch-circuits



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SWITCHES CONTROLLING LIGHTING LOADS

404.2(C)



- ☑ **Grounded conductors required** for installations where additional or replacement cable is possible without removing finish materials
- ☑ Allowance was removed



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GERMICIDAL IRRADIATION LUMINAIRES

New Part!

Article 410, Part XVII



ARTICLE 410

Luminaires, Lampholders,
and Lamps

NEW

Part XVII. Special Provisions for Germicidal Irradiation Luminaires

410.190 General.

410.191 Listing.

410.193 Installation.

410.195 Locations Not Permitted.

410.197 Germicidal Irradiation Systems.



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DISCONNECTING MEANS AND EMERGENCY SHUTDOWN FOR GENERATORS

445.18, 445.19



ARTICLE 445 Generators

445.18 Disconnecting Means and Emergency Shutdown

NEW

445.19 Emergency Shutdown of Prime Mover

Disconnecting means

- Located within the generator, behind covers, doors, or enclosure panels, if properly labeled

Emergency shutdown

- Requirements relocated from 445.18 to new 445.19
- Switch can be on generator if labeled properly



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NEW ARTICLE 512 ON CANNABIS OIL EQUIPMENT

Article 512

NEW

ARTICLE 512
Cannabis Oil Equipment and Cannabis Oil Systems Using Flammable Materials

New Article 512 covers the following items within commercial and industrial facilities:

- Cannabis oil preparatory equipment
- Extraction equipment
- Booths
- Post-processing equipment
- Systems using flammable materials

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HEALTH CARE FACILITIES DEMAND FACTORS

New Section!
517.22

↪ Demand factors for receptacles not exceeding 150 volts to ground in Category 1, Category 2, Category 3, and Category 4 patient care spaces **must be in accordance with 220.110**

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MARINAS AND DOCKING FACILITIES REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

New Section!

555.15



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Fire Protection Standard for
Marinas and Boatyards
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Equipment replacement
requires **inspection of entire
circuit**

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MARINAS AND DOCKING FACILITIES SHORE POWER EMERGENCY DISCONNECT

555.36(C)



Power outlets or enclosures
(pedestals) providing shore power to boats
require listed emergency disconnect that:

- ☑ Is clearly marked "Emergency Shutoff" and include identification and location of the circuit source
- ☑ Is readily accessible
- ☑ Is externally operable
- ☑ Is manually resettable
- ☑ Is listed for use in wet locations
- ☑ Deenergizes power to all circuits within the outlet or enclosure that supplies shore power to boats



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SWIMMING POOLS AND FOUNTAINS GFCI AND SPGFCI PROTECTION

680.5, Article 100



- ☑ Title includes new term **Special Purpose GFCI (SPGFCI)**
- ☑ Added GFCI requirements for 150 volts or less to ground
- ☑ Added SPGFCI requirements for above 150 volts to ground



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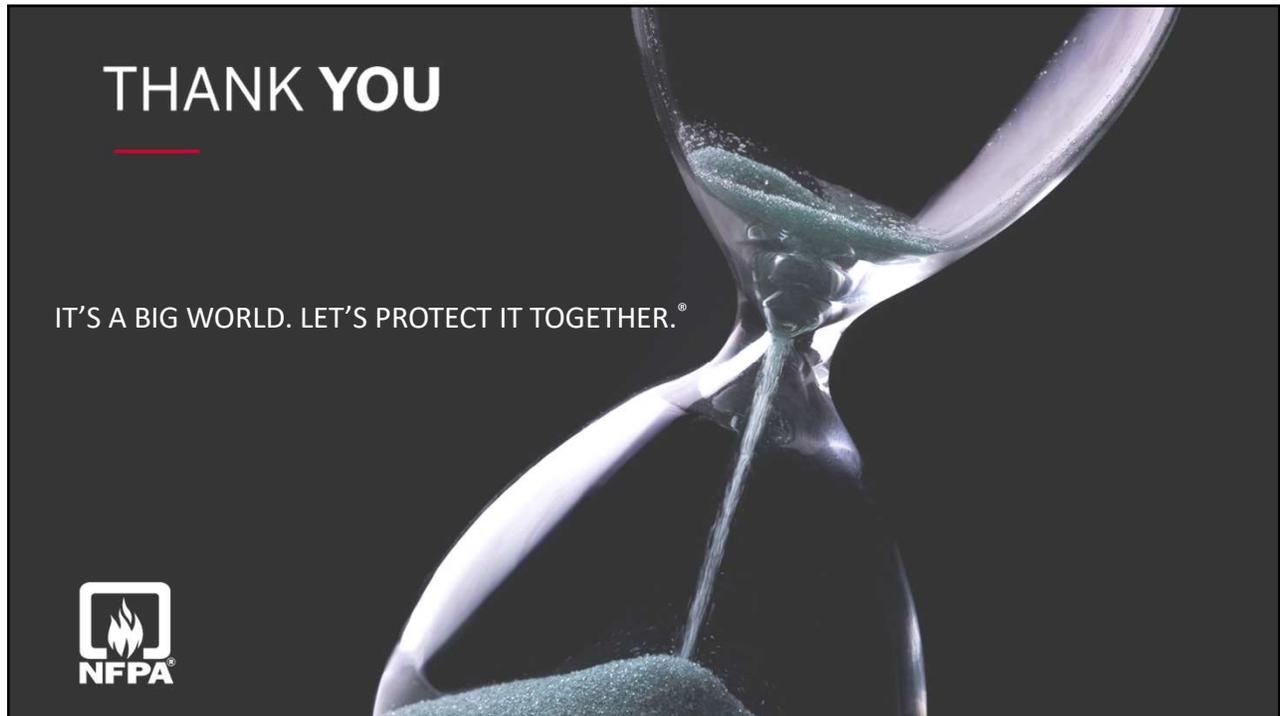
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