

Did You Know?

Every year in Ontario, about 80 children under the age of 10 are brought to the emergency department because of a severe shock or electrical burn. Many of these injuries happen when little fingers, pens, utensils and other objects find their way into unprotected power outlets. By installing Tamper-Resistant Receptacles, you add another level of safety that prevents little ones from inserting foreign objects into outlets causing a high risk of shock.

Tamper Resistant Requirements You Need To Know

The requirement for Tamper-Resistant Receptacles applies to *new or replacement* outlets in homes installed two meters or less from the floor. Although it's not required to bring current outlets up to the Code if they were installed prior to the 2009 Ontario Electrical Safety Code – replacing the old ones with Tamper-Resistant Outlets can help keep kids safe from potentially serious electrical injuries.

Rule 26-706 of Ontario Electrical Safety Code (OESC) set the requirements for tamper-resistant receptacles.

Unless the receptacle is located above 2 meters from the floor or grade, or those intended for a stationary appliance and located such that they are inaccessible, all receptacles of CSA configuration 5-15R and 5-20R installed in the following locations shall be tamper-resistant receptacles and shall be so marked:

- a) child care facilities;
- b) guest rooms and suites of hotels and motels;
- c) preschools and elementary education facilities; or
- d) dwelling units.

Standard C22.2 No. 42, Clause 6.18 Marking

Tamper-Resistant Receptacles are marked with “TR”

For more information on tamper-resistant receptacles requirements, refer to bulletin 26-25-*



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