

DEFECT OF THE MONTH

May 2018

26-700(11) GFCI Receptacle Requirements



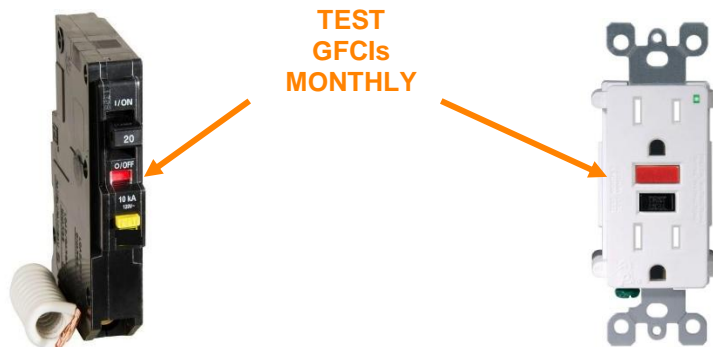
Over the past year, ESA inspectors identified more than 4,300 defects related to the below **Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter** (GFCI) requirements.

The GFCI receptacle is an important safety tool for reducing the risk of shock hazards in kitchens, bathrooms and other areas of the home where outlets are near sinks, wash basins (complete with drainpipe), bathtubs or shower stalls.

A GFCI-protected receptacle is also recommended to protect people from shock when plugging in outdoors. Specific covers have been created for outdoor receptacles to help protect against the elements even when a cord is left plugged in. This is an important consideration during the holiday season for outdoor decorating.

26-700(11) GFCI Receptacles Required

All 5-15R and 5-20R receptacles within 1.5 metres of sinks (wash basins complete with drainpipe), bathtubs, or shower stalls shall be protected by a ground fault circuit interrupter of the Class A type, except where the receptacle is intended for a stationary appliance designated for the location, and located behind the stationary appliance such that it is inaccessible for use with general-purpose portable appliances.



26-710(n) Outdoor Receptacles - GFCI Requirement

Rule 26-710(n) - In residential occupancies, all outdoor receptacles, except for automobile heater receptacles installed outdoors and within 2.5 metres of finished grade, shall be protected with a ground fault circuit interrupter of the Class A type.

See Bulletin 26-28- for additional information*

