

# DEFECT OF THE MONTH

December 2017

26-712(g) Tamper-resistant Receptacles



## More Than 1,100 Defects Written for Tamper-Resistant Receptacles Last Year!

On average, more than 110 kids under 15 end up in the emergency department each year in Ontario because of an electrical injury. More than half are under the age of five. Many of these injuries happen when little fingers, pens, utensils and other objects find their way into unprotected power outlets. By installing tamper-resistant (TR) receptacles, you add another level of safety that prevents little ones from inserting foreign objects into outlets, which is a shock hazard.

### Do You Know the Requirements?

The requirement for TR receptacles applies to *new or replacement* outlets in homes installed two metres 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 TR receptacles can help keep kids safe from potentially serious electrical injuries.

### 26-712(g) Tamper Proof Receptacle Required

All 5-15R and 5-20R receptacles within a dwelling shall be TR and so marked except for those receptacles located above 2 metres from the floor or grade, or those intended for a stationary appliance and located such that they are inaccessible.



Shutters restrict access in closed position

### Standard C22.2 No. 42, Clause 6.18 Marking

Tamper-resistant receptacles are marked with "TR"



See Bulletin 26-25-\* for additional information.