

ELECTRICAL INSPECTION BULLETIN
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Installation of outside receptacles for Single Dwellings and Dwelling Units



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Scope

This bulletin provides direction on the installation of receptacles for single dwellings and dwelling units in accordance with CE Code Rule 26-714(a), 26-712(b), 26-710(n), and 26-726(b).

Definitions

Balcony - a raised platform that is connected to the side of a building and surrounded by a low wall or railing that does not have direct access to grade or ground level.

Porch - a structure attached to the entrance of a building that has a roof and that may or may not have walls that has direct access to grade or ground level.

Deck - a flat floor area adjoining a building. (Synonymous with a Balcony or Porch)

Direct Access – being accessible directly from grade or ground without having to enter or pass through the building or structure in which access is a prerequisite.

Directive

At least one duplex receptacle shall be installed in accordance with CE Code rule 26-712(b) in each area such as a balcony, or porch, that is not classified as a finished room or area in accordance with CE Code rule 26-712(a).

At least one receptacle shall be installed outdoors so as to be readily accessible from ground or grade level in accordance with CE Code Rule 26-714(a).

A receptacle installed to meet the requirements of CE Code 26-714(a), shall be supplied by a dedicated branch circuit in accordance with CE Code Rule 26-726(b)

- Additional outside receptacles shall be permitted to be supplied by the same dedicated circuit except for those required by CE Code Rules 26-714(b) or 26-714(c).
- Additional outside receptacles shall be permitted to be supplied by a different branch circuit than the circuit required by CE Code Rule 26-726(b)

All receptacles installed outdoors less than 2.5 meters of grade or ground shall be protected by a GFCI of the Class A type in accordance with CE Code Rule 26-710(n).

All receptacles installed on a deck that has direct access to grade or ground level shall be provided with GFCI protection of the Class A type regardless of elevation.

Receptacles installed on a deck at an elevation above grade or ground of 2.5 meters or more, and that does not have direct access to grade or ground, shall be permitted to be provided with standard receptacles without GFCI protection.

Receptacles installed outside in accordance with CE Code rules 26-712(b) or 26-714(a) shall be provided with cover plates meeting the requirements of CE Code Rule 26-702.