



IMPORTANT CODE REQUIREMENT BULLETIN

Subject: Electrical Clearances and Working Space.

The NWCCOG Elevator Inspection Program (EIP) staff has found many instances of electrical clearances not be provided as required by NFPA 70 – National Electrical Code (NEC). Article 110.26 requires a minimum working horizontal clearance of not less than 30” inches to be maintained for a height of 6-1/2’ feet or the height of the equipment whichever is greater. Working spaces shall be provided as required by Table 110.26(a)(1) these working space requirements are dependent on the voltage of the equipment but can range from 3’ feet to 5’ feet. For voltages under 1000 such spaces may be located behind a closed door provided such door is openable at least 90 degrees.

Effective immediately the (EIP) will not pass any inspections on newly installed equipment that do not have the required clearances as required the current edition of the (NEC). A copy of the most current version of the (NEC) can be purchased from the NFPA website.

It is the responsibility of the conveyance contractor to be familiar with the electrical Code requirements and insure that adequate clearances and working spaces are provided so as to reduce the risk of injury or possible death while maintaining or inspecting equipment.

A copy of this Bulletin will be sent to all Building Departments within our Jurisdiction. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

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