

# Significant Changes to the 2008 National Electrical Code

## *Status of the 2008 National Electrical Code*

The *2008 National Electrical Code* (NEC) was approved in June of 2007 at the annual meeting of the NFPA in Boston.

Publishing of the new code began on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

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**210.12 Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupter** (AFCI) protection shall be required on most branch circuits through out the dwelling units. ([See Suggested Amendment](#))

New **406.11 Tamper-Resistant Receptacles** in all areas of one- and two- family dwellings as designated in section 210.52. ([See Suggested Amendment](#))

Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupter (GFCI) protection for receptacles serving garage and basement in the dwelling unit has been revised.

Revisions to the ampacity adjustments for NM, NMC and NMS wiring when two or more cables with two or more current carrying conductors are bundled or pass through a single opening in framing where draft-stopping or fire-stopping is used.

Receptacles shall now be required at all dwelling porches, decks and patios, regardless of the number of stories above grade.

To see additional changes click on [Comparison 2005 to 2008 NEC Code Changes \(Matrix\)](#)

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