

Electrical Bulletin

INFORMATION FOR CONTRACTORS

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To All Electrical Contractors

Ceilings

Effective January 15, 2020 the practice of running NMSC (loomex) above 1x4 strapping in ceilings will not be accepted.

Rule 12-516 says, cables run through joists are to be kept at least 32mm from the edge of the member. Since it's not possible to drill trusses and impracticable to run cables above the vapor barrier in the trusses, the cable must be protected by other means.

We would accept another layer of 1x4 placed between the strapping and the cable, a metal protection plate or any other acceptable means of achieving the 32mm clearance.

In ceilings with vapor barrier, cables may be stapled to the underside of trusses between 1x4 strapping and must be kept away from the edges of the strapping.

Ceilings without vapor barrier must maintain a minimum 32mm clearance throughout the ceiling. This can be achieved by increasing the thickness or the strapping or by drilling the joists.

Temporary Services

Effective January 15, 2020 all temporary service panels are to be service entrance rated. This rating must be clearly marked on the panel.

Receptacles above baseboard heaters

Just a reminder that receptacles are not allowed over baseboard heaters. It's not easy to move on final so pay attention during rough in and avoid a headache.



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