

## Information Bulletin

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# Requirements for Hydromassage Bathtubs

**Effective October 1, 2008**

Hydromassage bathtubs that are **located in a room that does not contain a watercloset and/or a wash basin**, will be required to comply with the rules of Section 68, Pools, tubs, and spas, of the Winnipeg Electrical By-law. This shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. No receptacles shall be located within 1.5m of the tub and all receptacles that are located from 1.5m to within 3m of the tub shall be protected by a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI)
2. All luminaires and lighting equipment installed within 3m of the tub, measured radially from the top of the tub, and not separated by a wall or other permanent barrier shall be protected by a GFCI.
3. The on-off device required for the hydromassage tub shall be:
  - a. protected by a GFCI and
  - b. located behind a barrier or located not less than 1m from the tub, unless it is an integral part of an approved factory-built bathtub.
4. All switches for luminaires, lighting equipment, exhaust fans, etc. shall be located at least 1m from the tub.
5. Communication jacks (i.e. telephone) shall not be installed within 3m of the tub.
6. All other electrical equipment that is within 3m of the tub and not suitably separated from the tub area by a wall or other permanent barrier shall be protected by a GFCI.

Note:

All distances noted above shall be measured horizontally from the inside top wall of the tub, unless noted otherwise.