

Information Bulletin

Interpretation of Emergency Floor Drains

In regards to Defined Terms contained in: The National Plumbing Code of Canada, Division A, Appendix A, article **A-1.4. 1.2.(1) Defined Terms:**

Emergency Floor Drains

There are two types of floor drains. One is an emergency floor drain installed to avoid flooding in a building from any pipe or fixture failure. The other encompasses floor drains installed to receive discharge from specific pieces of equipment; this type is defined as a fixture.

The City of Winnipeg has defined “**Emergency Floor Drains**” as a floor drain that forms part of a washroom group only and serves the purpose of limiting damage from fixtures over-flowing onto the washroom floor.

This drain will be subject to the same requirements as a standard type floor drain except no fixture units will be counted for this drain in conjunction with the sizing calculation.

All other floor drains will be deemed as “standard type floor drains” and shall be subject to the requirements.

