



WRITTEN INTERPRETATION OF THE STATE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Interpretation #: ALB-2023-37 [2009 IEC-210.8(A)(1)]

Building or Fire Safety Law Interpreted

(675 IAC 17-1.8) 2009 Indiana Electrical Code, Article 210.8 Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection for Personnel.

FPN: See 215.9 for ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel on feeders.

(A) Dwelling Units.

All 125-volt, single-phase, 15- and 20-ampere receptacles installed in the locations specified in (1) through (8) shall have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel.

(1) Bathrooms

[Locations (2) through (8) omitted for lack of relevance to the request.]

[Paragraphs (B) and (C) omitted for lack of relevance to the request.]

Issue

Does Article 210.8(A)(1) of the *2009 Indiana Electrical Code* (IEC) prohibit the installation of light fixtures on circuits with ground-fault-circuit-interrupter protection?

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No, Article 210.8(A)(1) of the *2009 IEC* does not prohibit the installation of light fixtures on circuits with ground-fault-circuit-interrupter protection.

Rationale

Article 210.8(A)(1) of the *2009 IEC* identifies bathrooms as among the dwelling unit locations in which receptacles are required to have ground-fault-circuit-interrupter protection. It does not address what other electrical devices may or may not be connected to such circuits, whether generally, or specific to the room's lighting.



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Pursuant to Indiana Code § 22-13-5-2, the attached written interpretation is issued. This interpretation is binding upon Jeff Wiers, the *interested person* as defined in Indiana Code § 22-13-5-1, and the county of LaPorte.

REVIEW RIGHTS

This order is effective upon service. If you desire **informal review** of this order, complete the informal review form located at <https://www.in.gov/dhs/4149.htm> within 15 days. Following receipt of this form, the **Department** may modify or reverse the order, however, a request for informal review does not extend the deadline for filing a petition for review with the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission (Commission). If you have any questions regarding this order, you may contact that Department at (317) 232-2222.

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U.S. MAIL OR PERSONAL SERVICE

Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission
c/o Legal Counsel
302 W. Washington Street, Rm. E208
Indianapolis, IN 46204

ONLINE

By completing the form at
<https://www.in.gov/dhs/4148.htm>

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Alan L. Blunk
State Building Commissioner

December 15, 2023

Date