



## **NOTICE TO ALL CONTRACTORS**

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### **Switches in Bathrooms**

Rule 30-320(3) specifies that wall switches shall not be located within reach of a person in a shower or bathtub.

To meet the intent of the Rule, switches located a horizontal distance of at least 1m from the outside edge of a bathtub or shower is acceptable.

The rule references only switches controlling luminaires, but the inspection department also considers it to apply to switches, thermostats, humidistat's, dehumidistats controlling heat lamps, exhaust fans, in floor heat and other equipment.

A steam room or steam shower is considered the equivalent of a shower or bathtub for the purposes of Rule 30-320(3).

The intent of the rule 30-302(3) in section 30 deals with lighting rules etc. The code intent dealing with other type of application is found in other rules of the code.

The code doesn't cover all kinds of product and their installation. Their intent is implied by the rules that are found.