



## DIRECTIVE

### UTILIZATION OF GAS APPLIANCES IN SHOW ROOMS

*This Directive is being issued by a provincial safety manager pursuant to section 30 of the Safety Standards Act.*

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#### General Details

To define permitting requirements when installing and replacing gas appliances used for display purposes in a showroom.

Note: The BC Safety Authority issues gas installation permits for the Province of British Columbia, except for, click here: [these municipalities that issue their own gas permits](#) for natural gas only.

They issue gas installation permits for single family dwellings or if the gas meter pressure is 2PSI or less, and/or if the total connected load to the gas meter is 409,600 BTU/hr or less

Please contact the applicable authority having jurisdiction for the specified permit requirements of that area.

#### Specific Details

##### Definition Showroom:

A room where gas appliances are exhibited for sale or where operational samples are displayed.

##### New Showroom Installation Permit Requirements:

Show room appliances are to be indicated on the appropriate commercial installation permit application as a single appliance based on the total connected load of all the appliances being installed, the applicant is then to record as "other" with the scope of work indicated as: **Show Room Appliances.**

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### Existing Showroom Appliance Replacement Permit Options:

An establishment operating an approved show room can choose to submit an application to the BC Safety Authority for a Class 8 Special Purpose Type (SPT8) Operating permit. An approved operating permit will allow the establishment to replace showroom appliances by using appliance replacement decals.

### Terms and Conditions

- The show room is required to maintain an appropriate log book showing installed appliances completed with replacement dates. The log book will be audited during operating permit assessments
- Each new or replacement show room appliance must have an appliance replacement decal affixed upon replacement
- Replacement needs to be completed by a licensed contractor and certified individual (Class A or B Gasfitter) as indicated in Directive D-GA 2012-01 Rev 01

Alternatively the applicant can choose to have a licensed gas contractor replace appliances utilizing the current commercial fee schedule based on individual appliance input.

### **Additional Requirements:**

A variance request, or additionally a design registration will be required if the venting system(s) design does not comply with the appliance certified installation instructions or the CSA B149.1 Natural Gas and Propane installation Code for the installed appliances.

Information on the design registration process can be found on the BCSA web site through this link: [Design Registration for Uncertified Gas Equipment and Systems](#)

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Wayne Lock  
Provincial Safety Manager – Gas

### **References:**

Safety Standards Act  
Gas Safety Regulation  
CSA B149.1 Natural gas and propane installation Code

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