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Subject:

Existing venting material for gas appliance replacements.

Code references:

CSA B149.1:25 Natural gas and propane installation code

4.1.3 Installation instructions

Except as required by Clause 4.1.4, an appliance, accessory, component, equipment or any other item shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's certified instructions and the Code.

8.10.4 Special venting system

A special venting system or a BH venting system shall be installed in accordance with the terms of its listing and the appliance and vent manufacturer's instructions.

Special venting system – a venting system certified with the appliance and either supplied or specified by the appliance manufacturer.

Background:

Replacement of existing gas appliances occasionally experience challenges where previously approved and installed vent pipe material is no longer approved with the new appliance. Specifically, ABS piping which is no longer approved as an exhaust vent pipe material. Known failures reusing unapproved vent piping have resulted in hazardous flue gases being discharged into the building.

Advisory:

All components of an installed gas appliance must follow installation requirements of the CSA B149.1:25 Natural gas and propane installation code and certified manufacturer's instructions.

If the existing vent pipe material is no longer approved with the gas appliance being installed, it must be removed and replaced with approved material. Installation methods and support must also meet the approved material's requirements.

This may require removal of drywall or other material that conceals the existing vent piping. If the vent piping cannot be removed, discussion should be had with the Plumbing and Gas Technical Assistance Center prior to installation and commissioning. They can be reached by calling 311 and ask to be transferred.

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