



NOTICE TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

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LOCATION OF PANELBOARDS IN BUILDINGS

Rule 26-600 (1) prescribes the following:

*Panelboards shall not be located in coal bins, clothes closets, bathrooms, stairways, high ambient rooms, dangerous or hazardous locations, **nor in any similar undesirable places.***

In keeping with the intent of the rule, the installation of panelboards inside the exterior walls of buildings is unacceptable to the authority having jurisdiction (the inspection department) as extremely cold outside temperatures combined with warm inside temperatures will result in the formation of condensation, frost and corrosion inside the panelboard.

Also, these extremely cold temperatures may adversely affect the proper operation of the main overcurrent device and its associated branch circuit overcurrent devices.

Panelboards shall be installed *in or on* an interior wall or surface-mounted on an exterior wall, inside the building.