

## CSA Unit 4 Gas Industry Codes, Acts, and Regulations Chapter 1

The gas industry aims to convey gas as potential energy to a place or appliance, ignite the gas, and use the energy to perform a useful purpose. Those involved in the industry must achieve these aims safely and in an organized manner. Gas technicians and fitters must stay aware of the duties, responsibilities, and regulations governing the entire industry to ensure smooth operations and safety compliance.

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## Purpose of Gas Industry Regulations



#### Convey Gas as Potential Energy

Transport gas safely to appliances and locations where it will be used



#### Ignite the Gas

Control the combustion process in a safe and efficient manner



#### Use Energy for Useful Purpose

Convert the gas energy into heat, mechanical power, or other useful applications



## Learning Objectives

#### **Identify Governing Agencies**

Identify the agencies and bodies that govern gas and propane installations

#### Describe Code Scope

Describe the scope of installation codes and acts

#### **Locate Code Sections**

Locate sections in CSA B149.1

Natural gas and propane installation code

#### **Find General Information**

Locate information in Section 4, General, of CSA B149.1 Natural gas and propane installation code

#### Propane Storage Code

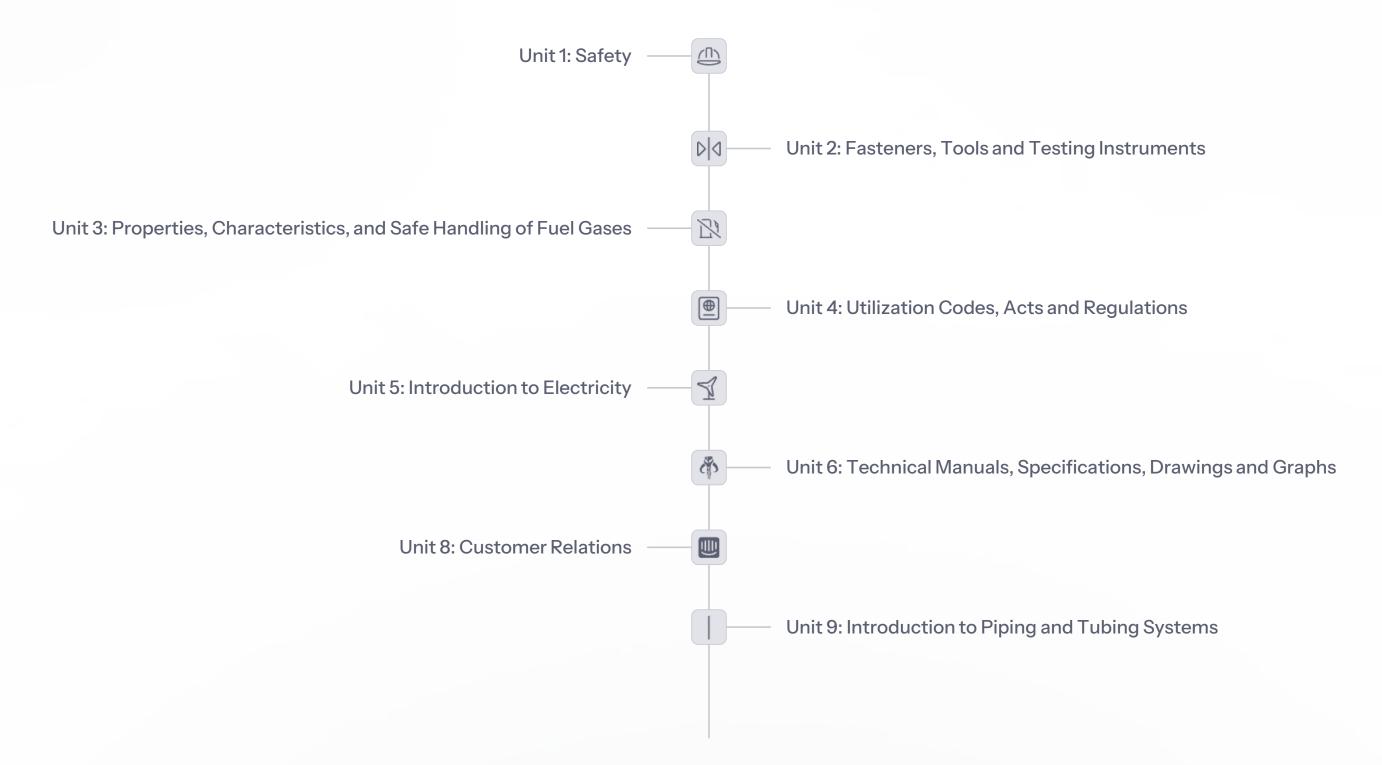
Locate sections in CSA B149.2 Propane storage and handling code

## **Key Terminology**

Term	Definition
Act	Government-legislated legal documents that determine the powers of inspectors, directors, etc., as well as enable the government to write regulations
Code	Typically helps define best practices for products, services, and processes.  Government regulatory bodies adopt this to help address safety concerns for consumers and businesses
Regulation	Legal directives that focus on specific areas
Standard	Defines an agreed-upon way to produce products, perform certain processes, or supply materials in a regular, repeatable manner



#### Red Seal Gas Trade Units



### Red Seal Tasks and Blocks

#### Block A - Common Skills

- Task 1: Performs safety-related functions
- Task 2: Maintains and uses tools and equipment
- Task 3: Plans and prepares for installation, service and maintenance

#### Block B - Gas Piping Systems

- Task 4: Fits tube and tubing for gas piping systems
- Task 5: Fits plastic pipe for gas piping systems
- Task 6: Fits steel pipe for gas piping systems

## Block C - Venting and Air Supply Systems

- Task 7: Installs venting
- Task 8: Installs air supply system
- Task 9: Installs draft control systems

## Red Seal Tasks and Blocks (Continued)

## Block D - Electrical Systems and Controls

- Task 10: Selects and installs electronic components
- Task 11: Selects and installs electrical components
- Task 12: Installs automation and instrumentation control systems

#### Block E - Installation of Systems and Equipment

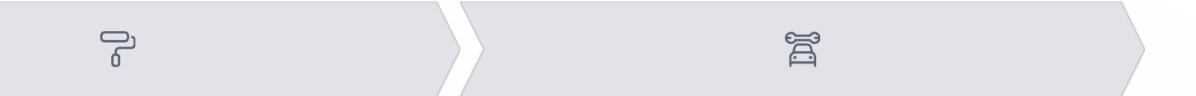
- Task 13: Installs gas-fired system piping and equipment
- Task 14: Installs gas-fired system components
- Task 15: Installs propane storage and handling systems

#### Block F - Testing & Commissioning of Gas-fired Systems

- Task 16: Tests gas-fired systems
- Task 17: Commissions gas-fired systems



## Red Seal Tasks and Blocks (Final)



Block G - Servicing Gas-fired Systems

Task 18: Maintains gas-fired systems

Block G - Servicing Gas-fired Systems

Task 19: Repairs gas-fired systems

### Standards vs. Codes

#### **Standards**

Standards define an agreed-upon way to produce products, perform certain processes, or supply materials in a regular, repeatable manner. They are normally narrower in scope than a code and cover a limited range of issues. Referencing them in an adopted code or jurisdictional regulation allow them to obtain the force of law.

#### Codes

Codes typically help define best practices for products, services, and processes. Government regulatory bodies adopt them to help address safety concerns for consumers and businesses. In general, codes are much broader in scope than a standard and cover a wider range of issues. The various provinces, territories, and jurisdictions that adopt codes also give them the force of law.

Codes often reference other standards, giving them additional visibility and weight within the industries that use them.

Appliance Type / Type a apparent.	
Manufacturer / Fabricant :	
Model & Serial / Modèle et Série :	

## Agencies and Organizations



**CSA Group** 

CSA organization has accreditation to develop standards and codes including the CSA B149 series of installation codes. North America and other nations recognize CSA Group to provide testing and certification services for a broad range of product categories.

Intertech Testing Services (ITS)

ITS is an agency that has accreditation to test appliances, equipment, components, and accessories to an applicable approved standard.

Propane Gas Association of Canada (PGAC)

PGAC is one of a number of organizations responsible for registering the persons who re-qualify refillable propane cylinders.

## More Agencies and Organizations



#### Transport Canada (TC)

TC is the federal department that oversees the transportation of dangerous goods through Canada and certifies propane cylinders.



United States
Department of
Transportation (US DOT)

The U.S. DOT has federal jurisdiction over the various transportation modes. The department is also responsible for transportation safety improvements and enforcement in the U.S.



## Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL)

UL is the organization that has accreditation to test and certify appliances, equipment, components, and accessories to applicable approved standards. A product certified by UL for Canada will bear the marking "cUL".



## Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC)

ULC is the organization that accreditation to test and certify appliances, equipment, components, and accessories to applicable approved standards. It also has accreditation to develop standards. It certifies the majority of vent materials that Canada uses.

#### **Governmental Authorities**

Federal, provincial, and territorial authorities with jurisdiction in Canada have the mandate to govern the safe handling, installation, servicing, use, and maintenance of natural gas and propane equipment. Usually, a regulatory function (i.e., one that writes regulations/bulletins) and an inspection function handle this. The specific ministry and/or agency responsible varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.



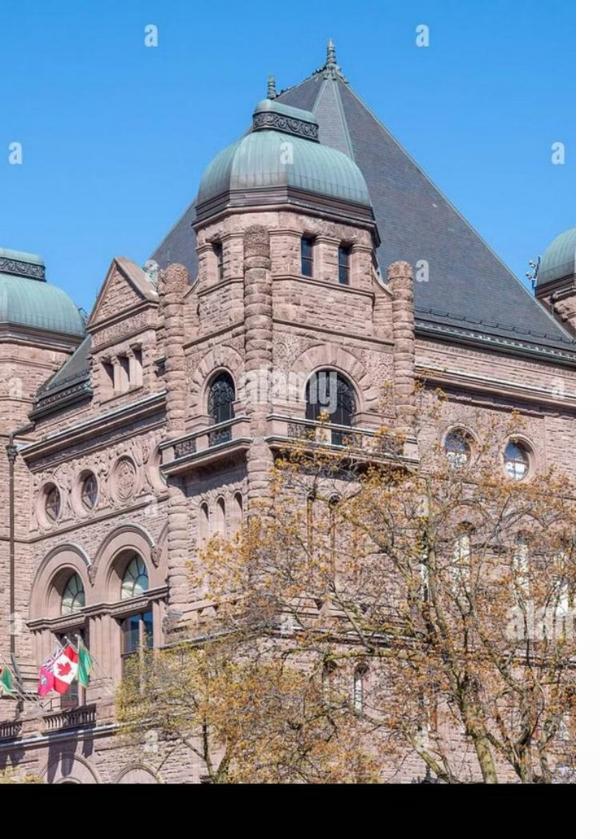


#### Regulatory Function

Responsible for writing regulations and bulletins that govern gas installations

#### **Inspection Function**

Responsible for ensuring compliance with regulations through field inspections



### **Provincial and Territorial Authorities**

Jurisdiction	Regulatory authority	Inspection authority
Federal	Human Resources and Skills	Occupational Safety, Health, and Fire Prevention Division
Alberta	Municipal Affairs	Safety Codes Council
British Columbia	British Columbia Safety Authority (BCSA)	British Columbia Safety Authority (BCSA)
Manitoba	Manitoba Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL)	Labor and Immigration Mechanical & Engineering Branch
New Brunswick	Department of Public Safety	Safety Code Services (SCS)



## More Provincial and Territorial Authorities

Jurisdiction	Regulatory authority	Inspection authority
Newfoundland and Labrador	Department of Government Services and Lands	
Northwest Territories	Department of Public Works and Services	
Nova Scotia	Department of Labour and Advanced Education	
Nunavut	Government of Nunavut	Dept. of Community & Government Services
Ontario	Ministry of Consumer Services	Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA)

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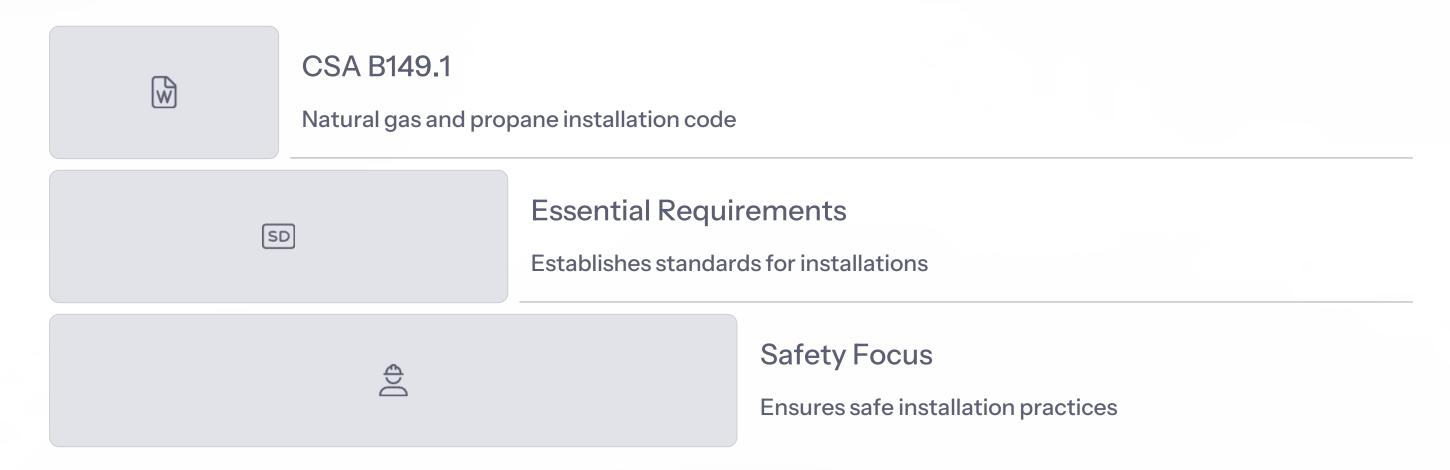
## Final Provincial and Territorial Authorities

Jurisdiction	Regulatory authority	Inspection authority
Prince Edward Island	Department of Labour	
Québec	Régie du bâtiment du Québec	
Saskatchewan	SaskPower Corporation	
Yukon	Community & Transportation Services	Public Safety Branch

Note: Under recently adopted federal legislation, the Agreement for Internal Trade (AIT) now enables gas technicians/fitters to apply to different provincial jurisdictions for similar level certification without further testing, or interview. Check with the provincial authority in mind and receive their equivalent certification.



## Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code



The Natural gas and propane installation code, CSA B149.1, establishes the essential requirements and minimum standards for the installation of natural gas and propane appliances and equipment.

Note: The Code only applies to certain natural gas and propane applications. It is the gas technician's/fitter's responsibility to determine whether the Code is suitable for the specific application.

## CSA B149.1 Suitable Applications

#### This Code applies to the installation of:

- Appliances, equipment, components, and accessories where you will use gas for fuel purposes
- Piping and tubing systems extending from the termination of the utility installation or from the distributor's propane tank
- Vehicle-refuelling appliances and associated equipment meeting the requirements of a general-purpose appliance to fill a natural-gas-fueled vehicle
- Stationary gas engines and turbines
- Storage and utilization of compressed natural gas on boats
- Installation of vehicle-refuelling appliances when NGV storage containers are installed as part of the system



## CSA B149.1 Non-Applicable Situations



Marine or pipeline terminals



Gas that works as feedstock in petroleum refineries or chemical plants



Utility pipeline distribution and transmission pipelines



Storage and handling of liquefied natural gas or underground reservoirs for natural gas



Installation of NGV fuel systems, containers, and refuelling stations



Propane used on boats

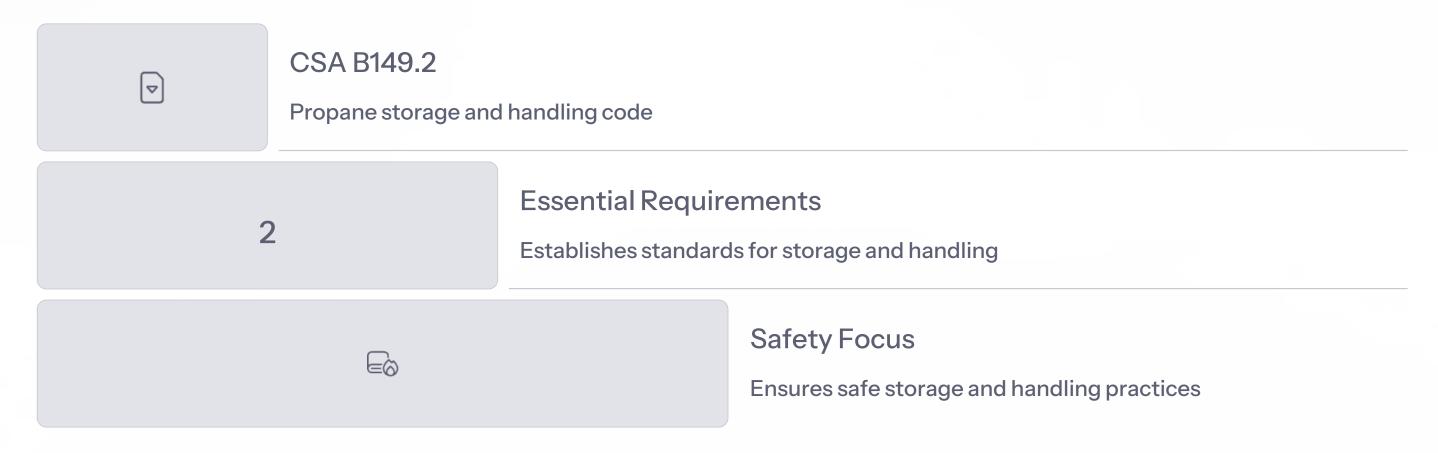


Propane used as a propellant in aerosol containers



Butane fuel cylinders of 175 g capacity or less

## Propane Storage and Handling Code



The Propane storage and handling code aims to establish essential requirements and minimum standards for the storage and handling of propane, as well as the installation of appliances, equipment, and containers on highway vehicles, recreational vehicles, mobile housing, food service Units, and wash-mobiles for regulatory adoption.

Note: The Code only applies to certain propane applications. It is the gas technician's/fitter's responsibility to determine whether the Code is suitable for the specific application.

## CSA B149.2 Suitable Applications

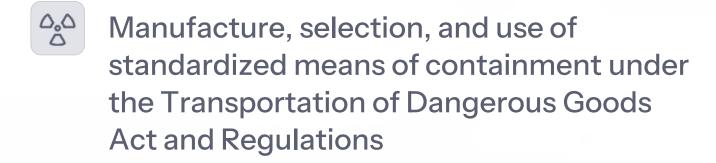
#### This Code applies to:

- Storage, handling, and transfer of propane
- Propane used as an engine fuel in other than motor vehicles
- Installation, operation, and maintenance of containers and equipment that you will use for propane at customer locations, distribution locations and filling plants
- New containers which have not contained propane or used containers identified as having been purged to less than 5% of the LEL as determined by a calibrated meter



## CSA B149.2 Non-Applicable Situations





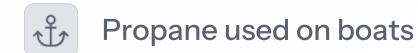
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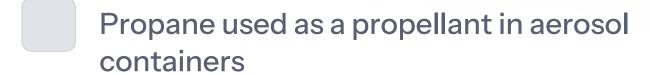
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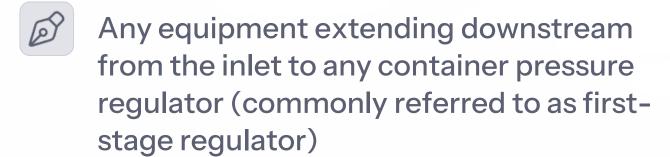
Refrigerated storage or underground reservoirs for propane

## More CSA B149.2 Non-Applicable Situations





Butane fuel cylinders of 6.2 oz (175 g) capacity or less



The installation of propane fuel system components and tanks on vehicles covered by CSA B149.5



## Acts and Regulations

#### Acts

Acts are government-legislated legal documents that determine the powers of inspectors, directors, etc., as well as enable the government to write regulations.

#### Regulations

Regulations are legal directives that focus on specific areas.

Important: While the listed acts and regulations are current at the time of writing, they do change from time. The gas technician/fitter should obtain copies of the current acts and regulations, read them, and become familiar with them.

## Alberta Acts and Regulations

#### Acts

- Safety Codes Act R5. A 2000, S-1
- Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 Chapter A-42 Current as of June 12, 2013
- Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act

#### Regulations

- Administrative Items Regulation Alberta Regulation 16/2004
   With amendments up to and including Alberta Regulation
   53/2016
- Certification and Permit Regulation Alberta Regulation 295/2009 With amendments up to and including Alberta Regulation 229/2018
- Gas Code Regulation Alberta Regulation 111/2010 With amendments up to and including Alberta Regulation 193/2015
- Motor Vehicle Gas Conversions Regulation Alberta Regulation 210/2001 With amendments up to and including Alberta Regulation 179/2015
- Gasfitter Trade Regulation Alberta Regulation 279/2000 With amendments up to and including Alberta Regulation 164/2017
- Gas Utility Operator Occupation Regulation Alberta Regulation 278/2000 With amendments up to and including Alberta Regulation 5/2015

# British Columbia and Manitoba Acts and Regulations

#### **British Columbia**

#### Acts:

Safety Standards Act

#### Regulations:

 Gas Safety Regulation Note: Check the Cumulative Regulation Bulletin 2014 and 2015 for any nonconsolidated amendments to this regulation that may be in effect. [includes amendments up to B. C. Reg. 150/2011, August 12, 2011]

#### Manitoba

#### Acts:

 Gas and Oil Burner Act - C.C.S.M.C, G30 This version is current as of Jan. 18, 2019.

#### Regulations:

 Gas and Oil Burner Regulation Man. Reg. 104/87 R This version is current as of May 26, 2015.

# New Brunswick and Newfoundland Acts and Regulations

#### **New Brunswick**

#### Acts:

Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act A.N.B. 1976, c. B-7.1

#### **Regulations:**

- N.B. Reg. 84-176 Propane, Natural and Medical Gas
- N.B. Reg. 84-177 Standards

#### Newfoundland and Labrador

#### Acts:

Public Safety Act S.N.L. 1996, c. P-41.01

#### Regulations:

Boiler, Pressure Vessel and Compressed Gas Regulations
 Nfld. Reg. 119/96

# Northwest Territories and Nova Scotia Acts and Regulations

#### **Northwest Territories**

#### Acts:

- Gas Protection Act
- Fire Prevention Act

#### Regulations:

- Gas Protection Regulations
- Propane Cylinder Storage Regulations R-094-91

#### **Nova Scotia**

#### Acts:

- Fire Safety Act S.N.S. 2002, c. 6
- Apprenticeship and Trades Qualification Act S.N.S,
   2003, c.1

#### Regulations:

- Fuel Safety Regulations N.S. Reg. 11/2011
- Gas Fitter Trade Regulations Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, c.17 subsection 41(1), 1989 r. 1999

## Nunavut and Ontario Acts and Regulations

#### Nunavut

#### Acts:

Consolidation of Gas Protection Act R.S.N.W.T. 1988,
 c.G-2

#### **Regulations:**

Consolidation of Gas Protection Regulations R.R.N.W.T.
 1990, c.G-1

#### **Ontario**

#### Acts:

Technical Standards and Safety Act Last amendment:
 2018, c. 7, s. 12-24.

#### Regulations:

- Fuel Industry Certificates O. Reg. 215/01
- Gaseous Fuels O. Reg. 212/01
- Propane Storage and Handling O. Reg. 211/01

## Prince Edward Island and Québec Acts and Regulations

#### Prince Edward Island

#### Acts:

- Fire Prevention Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, c. F-11 consolidation of this Act, current to May 30, 2012
- Boilers and Pressure Vessels Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. B-5 consolidation of this Act, current to December 7, 2012

#### Regulations:

- Codes and Standards Order E. C. 16/85
- Regulations made under the Boilers and Pressure Vessels Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. B-5 including amendments to December 31, 1994

#### Québec

#### Acts:

Gas Distribution Act R.S.Q., c. D-10

#### Regulations:

- Regulation Respecting Gas and Public Safety R.R.Q., c.
   D-10, r.4
- Règlement sur le remboursement des dépenses occasionnées à la Régie du batiment du Québec par l'exécution de la Loi sur la distribution du gaz R.R.Q., c. D-10, r.8

## Saskatchewan and Yukon Acts and Regulations

#### Saskatchewan

#### Acts:

- Gas Inspection Act R.S.S. 1993, c. G-3.2, As amended by the Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1996, c.9; 1998, c.22; 1999, c.C-38.01; 2004, c.11; 2013, c.S-15.1; 2015, c.F-15.11; and 2018, c.42.
- Gas Licensing Act Chapter G-4.1 of the Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1988-89, as amended by the Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1993, c.G-3.2; 1997, c.4; 1998, cP-42.1; and 2018, c.42.

#### **Regulations:**

- Gas Inspection Regulations, c. G-3.2, Reg. 1, as amended by Saskatchewan Regulations 321 96, 37/2000, 90/2004, 12/2005, 46/2008, 128/2010 and 105/2015.
- The Gas Licensing Regulations Chapter G-4.1 Reg (effective July 8, 1998) as amended by Regulations 34/91, 63/92 and 75/2014.

#### Yukon

#### Acts:

Gas Burning Devices Act R.S, Y. 2002, c.101

#### **Regulations:**

• Gas Regulations Y.O.I.C. 1998/213

### CSA B149.1 Code Sections Overview

Section/clause	Title	This Section contains
1	Scope	The scope of the Code
2	Reference publications	A listing of the publications referenced throughout the Code
3	Definitions	Definitions of terms used throughout the Code
4	General	General requirements regarding the approval and installation of appliances, accessories, components, equipment, and materials
5	Pressure controls	Requirements on allowable pressures in various types of buildings and devices for controlling pressures



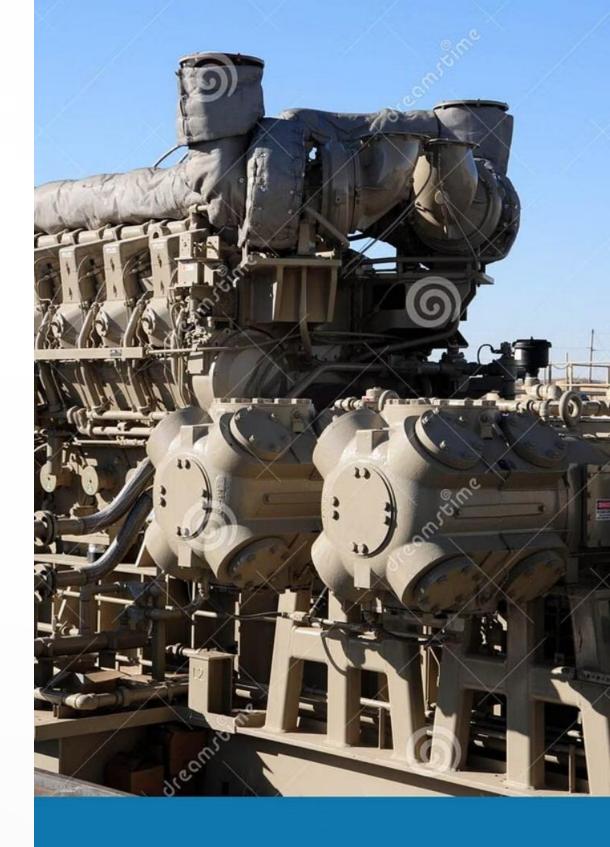
#### More CSA B149.1 Code Sections

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6	Gas piping systems	Minimum requirements for the material, size, pressure allowance at specific locations, installation, protection, testing, purging, and identification of piping and tubing systems, hose, and fittings
7	Installation of specific types of appliances	Minimum installation requirements for boilers, pressure boosters, carbon dioxide generators, conversion burners, commercial cooking appliances, residential ranges, clothes dryers, furnaces, heaters, decorative appliances and gas logs, hot- plates, incinerators, lighting, refrigerators, direct vent appliances, and stationary engines
8	Venting Systems and Air Supply for Appliances	Minimum requirements for venting systems and air supply for appliances



### Final CSA B149.1 Code Sections

Section/clause	Title	This Section contains
9	Natural Gas Compressors and Cylinders	Minimum requirements for installation of natural gas compressors, and cylinder filling, storage, and utilization
10	Residential fuelling appliances (RFAs) and vehicle fueling appliances (VRAs) used for natural gas without Storage	Minimum requirements for the installation of vehicle refuelling appliances without storage



## Section 4 - General Requirements

The General section (Clause 4) of CSA B149.1, Natural gas and propane installation code, contains pertinent information on the general requirements for gas and propane installations.



## More Section 4 - General Requirements

4.6 Meter and service regulator installations

4.10 Smoking



4.7 Electrical connections and components

4.8 Mobile homes and recreational vehicles

4.9 Hazardous and corrosive locations

## More Section 4 - General Requirements (Continued)

4.11 Isolation of safety devices

4.15 Outdoor installations



4.12 Leak detection

4.13 Appliance clearances to combustible material

4.14 Accessibility

# Final Section 4 - General Requirements

4.16 Appliances in garages

4.20 Control of appliances with self-energized pilots



4.17 Appliance ductwork connections

4.18 Combined heating systems

4.19 Appliances protected by automatic fire-extinguishing systems

# Last Section 4 - General Requirements



## CSA B149.2 Code Sections Overview

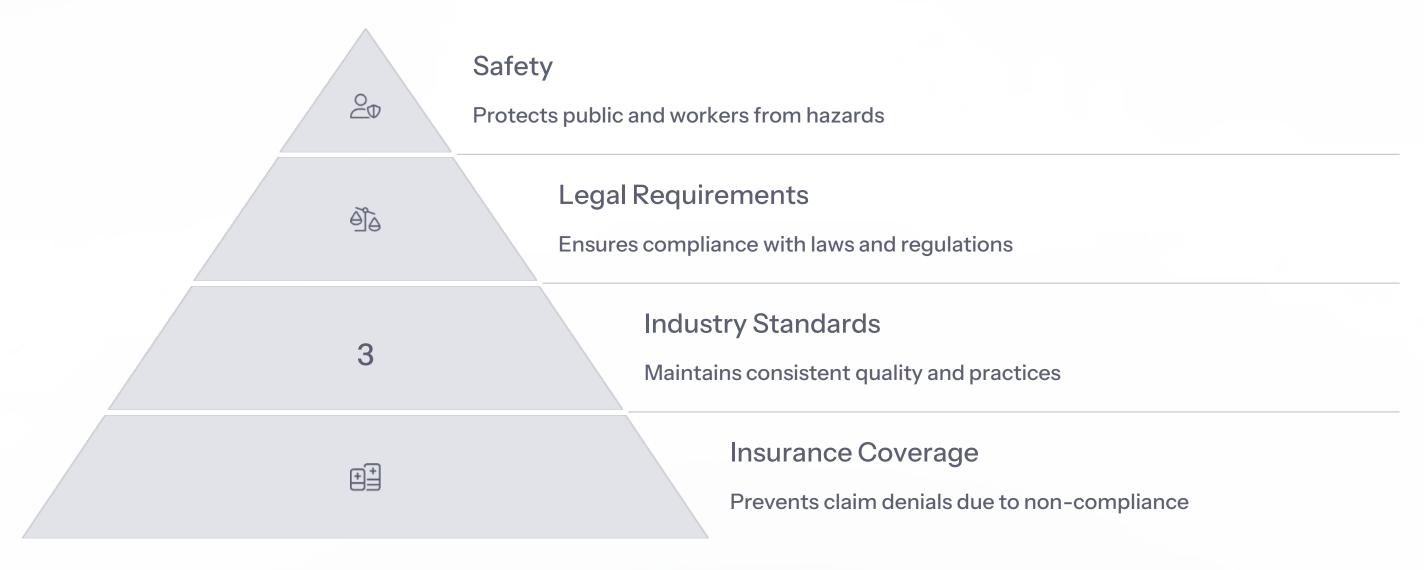
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5	General requirements for propane and propane equipment	Requirements for the odorization of propane, the filling and protection of containers, and the use of equipment



# More CSA B149.2 Code Sections

Section	Title	This Section contains
6	Cylinder systems	Requirements for cylinders, cylinder filling, storage, transportation, and installation, and the equipment used with cylinder systems
7	Tank systems, filling plants, and refill centres	Requirements for propane tanks, fittings, and equipment, the filling, installation, and location of consumer tanks, container filling plants, container refill centres, and the installation of dispensing devices
8	Tank trucks, tank trailers, and cargo liners	Requirements for the tanks, fittings, and equipment used on tank trucks, tank trailers, and cargo liners and the parking, repair, and servicing of such vehicles
9	Vaporizers	Requirements for indirect- and direct-fired vaporizers and their installation
10	Annexes	Annexes A to R display after Section 9

# Importance of Code Compliance



Gas technicians and fitters must understand and comply with all applicable codes and regulations to ensure installations are safe, legal, and meet industry standards. Non-compliance can result in safety hazards, legal penalties, insurance claim denials, and professional liability.

# Gas Technician Responsibilities



### **Know the Codes**

Stay current with all applicable codes, standards, and regulations

2

### **Maintain Certification**

Keep all required licenses and certifications up to date

3

### **Proper Installation**

Install equipment according to manufacturer specifications and code requirements



### **Testing and Verification**

Thoroughly test all installations to ensure safe operation



### Documentation

Maintain proper records of all installations and inspections



# Staying Current with Code Changes

### Regular Code Review

Set aside time to review code updates and amendments on a regular schedule

### **Professional Associations**

Join industry associations that provide updates on code changes and interpretations

### **Continuing Education**

Attend workshops, seminars, and training sessions focused on code requirements

### **Regulatory Notifications**

Subscribe to regulatory authority newsletters and bulletins for timely updates

### **Code Interpretation Resources**

public Interp(PRDG p)  $\{\dots\}$  --- the constructor takes an IR program as input public void go()  $\{\dots\}$  --- the main trigger for interpreting the IR program

### Storage Mode

The interpreter organizes data in three storage categories: temps, stack, and heap. To allow an uniform access pattern, they are all mapped to a single integer array called next.

- Tomps men [0] -- mem(maxTemp-1)
- TEMP nodes are mapped to temp memory using their indices (with a fixed offset).
- Stark nen(maxTemp) -- con(maxStack-1)
   Function activation records are allocated and de-allocated on the stack.
- Principal activation records are miscoastic and designation of the size
- Heap mem[maxStack] == mem[maxNem=1]
   Calls to 'mallec' result in space allocated in the heap.

### Interspeting Statement

The core of the interpreter is a while loop executing the statements of a FUNC node.

MOVE— The left-hand-side expression of a MOVE node must represent an address or a temp. An address
in the IR tree code is represented by one of the the following nodes: MEM. REMSER, PARAM, and VAR.
They should all be evaluated to indices to the near rary (more on this in the expression section below).
 Since we model TEMPs by a section of the near narry, TEMP nodes are also evaluated to indices to the
magnetic of the near narry.

The interpreter emissives the list to an men array index, the rhs to a value, and then assigns the value to the man cell. Afterwards, the control moves to interpret the next statement in the list.

- JUMP/GJUNP The interpreter searches for the label node that corresponds to the jump target in the statement list. Once found, the labeled statement becomes the next to be interpreted.
- CALLST For print and prString routines, call System.out.println to print out the argument's value. Otherwise, take the following steps:

### **Code Interpretation Guides**

Published resources that explain code requirements in plain language with examples and illustrations



### **Regulatory Authorities**

Official sources for code interpretations and clarifications on specific requirements



### **Industry Associations**

Professional groups that provide guidance, training, and resources for understanding code requirements

# Code Enforcement Process

### **Permit Application**

Submit required documentation and plans for review before beginning work

### Plan Review

Authorities review plans for code compliance before approving permits

### Inspections

Official inspections at various stages of installation to verify compliance

### **Final Approval**

Final inspection and certification that the installation meets all code requirements



# **Common Code Violations**



Not maintaining required distances between appliances and combustible materials



### Improper Venting

Incorrect installation of venting systems leading to potential carbon monoxide hazards



### **Piping Violations**

Using incorrect materials, improper sizing, or inadequate support for gas piping



### Pressure Testing Failures

Not properly testing gas lines for leaks or using incorrect test pressures



### Accessibility Issues

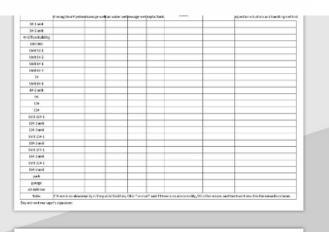
Installing equipment in locations that don't allow for proper service access

### **Code Compliance Documentation**



### **Permits**

Official authorization to perform gas installation work, issued by the authority having jurisdiction



### **Inspection Reports**

Documentation of official inspections verifying code compliance at various stages

Responsible Party: Tangshan Kailun New Materiai Lecnnology Co., Ltd.
Registered Address: No. 6, Changxing Road, Fengnan Lingang Economic Development
Zone, Hebel Province

Reported Boundary: No. 6, Changxing Road, Fengnan Lingang Economic Development Zone, Tangshan City, Hebei Province, China

The Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report release on 12th July 2022, asserted that the total greenhouse gas emissions from 1th January 2021 to 31th December 2021 by the company was 20243.73 tCOze, including 4358.38 tCOze of direct greenhouse gas emissions and removals and 15885.35 tCOze of indirect greenhouse gas emissions.

GHG Category	Emissions	Units
Direct GHG emissions and removals	4358.38	t CO2e
Indirect GHG emissions, include	15885.35	t COse
Indirect GHG emissions from imported energy	4274.16	1.CO2#
Indirect GHG emissions from hansportation	2158.73	100,0
Indirect GHG emissions from products used by organization	9452.46	100#
Indirect GHG emissions associated with the use of products from the organization	0.00	100#
Indirect GHG amissions from other sources	0.00	1009
Total GHG emissions	20243.73	t CO <sub>2</sub> e

There was no material discrepancy in the statements of the organization and the statements impartially expressed the greenhouse gas data and information, reached reasonable assurance.

The quantification and report of greenhouse gas emission and elimination compliance with

### **Certification Documents**

Final documentation certifying that installations meet all applicable code requirements

# Importance of Proper Training

95%

30%

### **Accident Reduction**

Percentage of gas-related incidents that can be prevented with proper training and code compliance

### **Efficiency Increase**

Average improvement in installation efficiency when technicians are well-trained in code requirements

40%

### **Callback Reduction**

Decrease in service callbacks when installations are performed by properly trained technicians



# Code Compliance Benefits

### Safety Assurance

Properly installed gas systems minimize risks to occupants and property

### System Efficiency

Code-compliant installations operate at optimal efficiency, reducing energy costs

### **Equipment Longevity**

Correctly installed systems typically have longer operational lifespans

### Legal Protection

Compliance with codes provides legal protection for installers and property owners

### Insurance Coverage

Insurance companies may deny claims for incidents involving non-compliant installations

# Code Compliance Challenges

### Keeping Up with Changes

Codes are regularly updated, requiring technicians to stay current with new requirements

- Subscribe to code update notifications
- Attend regular training sessions
- Join professional associations

### **Regional Variations**

Code requirements can vary between jurisdictions, creating challenges for technicians who work across different areas

- Maintain reference materials for each jurisdiction
- Build relationships with local inspectors
- Document regional differences

### Interpretation Differences

Different inspectors may interpret code requirements differently

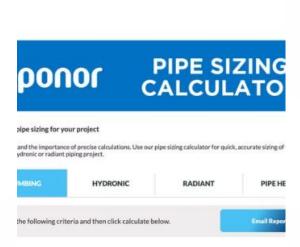
- Request written interpretations when unclear
- Document previous inspection approvals
- Consult with regulatory authorities

# **Code Compliance Tools**







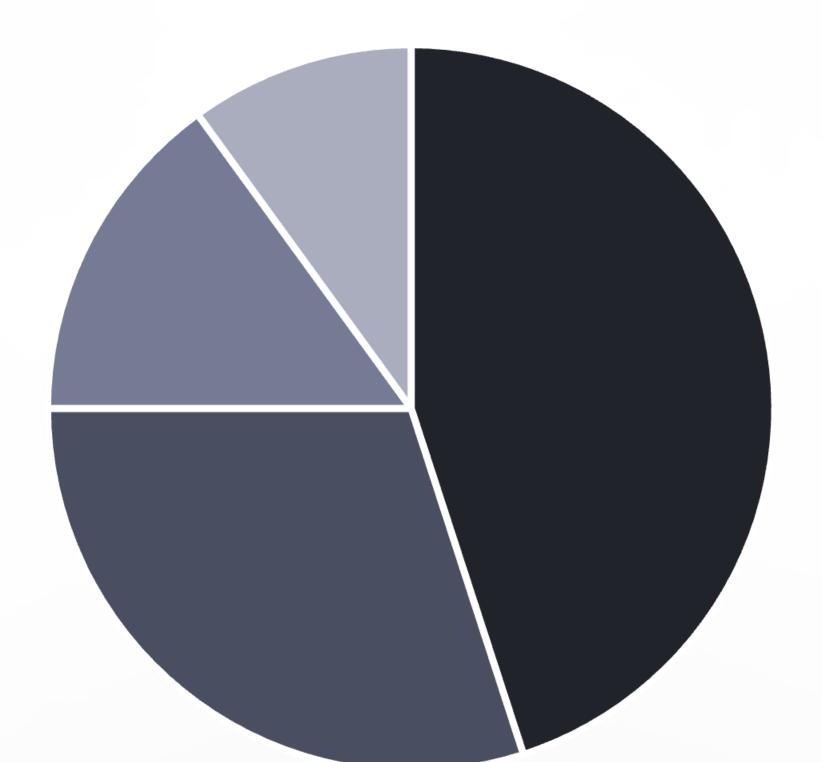






Gas technicians rely on various specialized tools to ensure code compliance during installation and inspection. These include leak detectors, manometers for pressure testing, combustion analyzers, pipe sizing calculators, carbon monoxide detectors, and pipe threading tools. Using the right tools is essential for verifying that installations meet all safety and performance requirements specified in the applicable codes.

### **Code Enforcement Authorities**



# **Code Adoption Process**



### Code Development

Standards organizations develop and update codes based on research and industry input



### Regulatory Review

Government authorities review codes for adoption into regulations



### Official Adoption

Codes are officially adopted through legislative or regulatory processes



### Implementation

Industry implements new requirements, often with transition periods



### Enforcement

Authorities begin enforcing new code requirements

### **Code Development Organizations**



**CSA Group** 

Develops the B149 series of codes for natural gas and propane installations in Canada



National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Develops codes related to fire safety aspects of gas installations





American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

 $Coordinates \,the\,U.S.\,voluntary\,standards\,system\,and\,approves\,standards\,developed\,by\,other\,organizations$ 



# Code Compliance Inspection Process

### **Pre-Installation Planning**

Review plans and specifications for code compliance before beginning work

### Rough-In Inspection

Inspection of piping, venting, and other components before they are concealed

### **Pressure Testing**

Testing gas piping systems for leaks according to code requirements

### Final Inspection

Comprehensive inspection of the completed installation to verify full compliance

### Documentation

Providing all required documentation and certifications to authorities and customers

# Code Compliance for Different Gas Types

### **Natural Gas**

Natural gas installations must comply with specific sections of the B149.1 code that address the unique properties and requirements of natural gas systems.

- Lower pressure requirements
- Specific piping materials and sizing
- Utility connection requirements
- Specific venting requirements

### Propane

Propane installations must comply with both B149.1 and B149.2 codes, addressing both installation and storage/handling requirements.

- Higher pressure considerations
- Storage tank requirements
- Cylinder handling procedures
- Specific clearance requirements

# Code Compliance for Different Building Types



### Residential Buildings

Single-family homes and small multi-unit buildings have specific requirements for appliance types, venting, and gas line sizing



### Multi-Unit Residential

Larger residential buildings require special considerations for gas distribution systems, metering, and emergency shutoffs



### **Commercial Buildings**

Commercial installations often involve larger equipment, higher pressures, and more complex distribution systems



### **Industrial Facilities**

Industrial applications may require specialized equipment, higher pressures, and additional safety measures



### Institutional Buildings

Schools, hospitals, and other institutions have stringent safety requirements and often need redundant systems

# Code Compliance for Special Applications

### Food Service Equipment

Commercial kitchens require specific ventilation, fire suppression, and gas control systems

### **Temporary Installations**

Construction sites and events have special requirements for temporary gas service

### **Outdoor Applications**

Patio heaters, grills, and other outdoor equipment have specific installation requirements

### Mobile and Manufactured Housing

Factory-built housing has unique requirements for gas connections and appliance installation

### **Recreational Vehicles**

RVs have specialized requirements for propane systems and appliances

# Future Trends in Gas Codes and Regulations

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### **Environmental Considerations**

Increasing focus on emissions reduction and environmental impact

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### Renewable Gas Integration

New standards for hydrogen blending and renewable natural gas

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### **Smart Technology**

Requirements for connected appliances and automated safety systems

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### **Energy Efficiency**

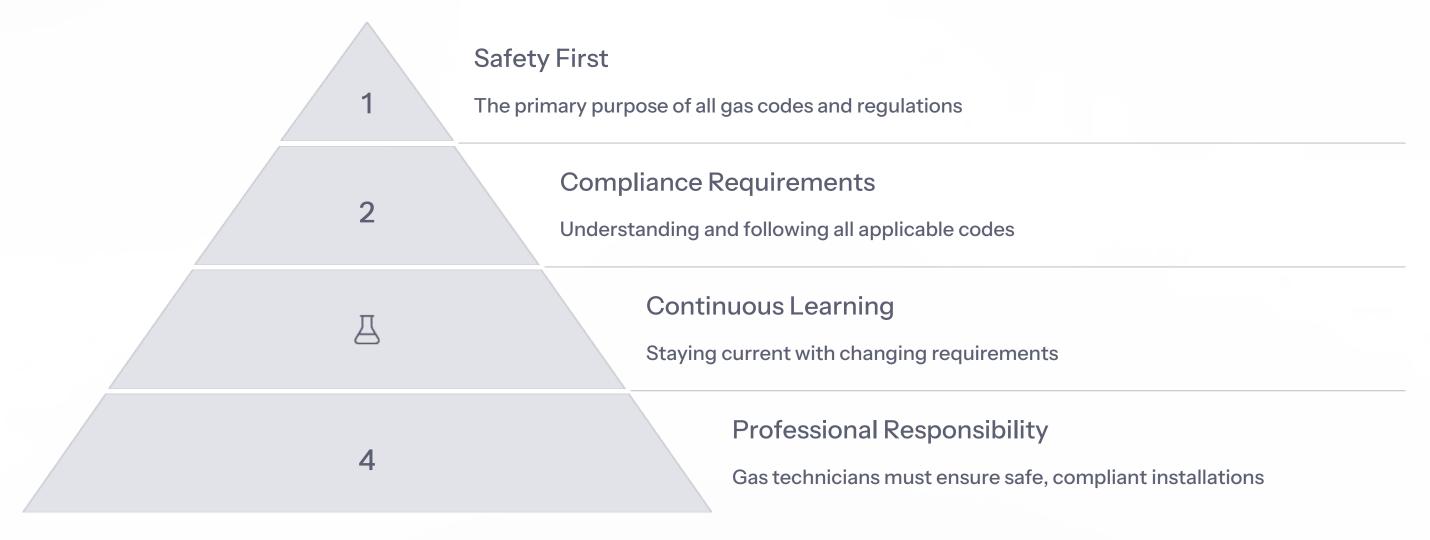
Stricter standards for appliance efficiency and system performance

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### **Enhanced Safety Measures**

Advanced leak detection and automatic shutoff requirements

# Summary: Gas Industry Codes and Regulations



Gas industry codes and regulations provide the essential framework for ensuring that gas installations are safe, efficient, and reliable. Gas technicians and fitters must have a thorough understanding of these requirements and stay current with changes to maintain professional competence. By following these standards, the gas industry can continue to provide safe and effective energy solutions for residential, commercial, and industrial applications.



# CSA Unit 4

# Chapter 2 Policies Governing Gas Technicians'/Fitters' Scope of Responsibilities and Limitations

Provincial or territorial acts, regulations, or other official documents govern the scope of work that technicians/fitters holding certain qualifications, certificates, or licenses may perform. This presentation focuses on how to find information on this scope of work.

# \* COMPLANCE TECHNICIAN!

# Purpose of Understanding Scope of Work



Regulatory Compliance

Understanding the governing documents that define what work can be performed



**Qualification Awareness** 

Knowing what tasks are permitted based on specific certificates, licenses, or qualifications



**Professional Boundaries** 

Recognizing the limitations of one's professional scope

# **Learning Objectives**

### **Understand Certificate Scope**

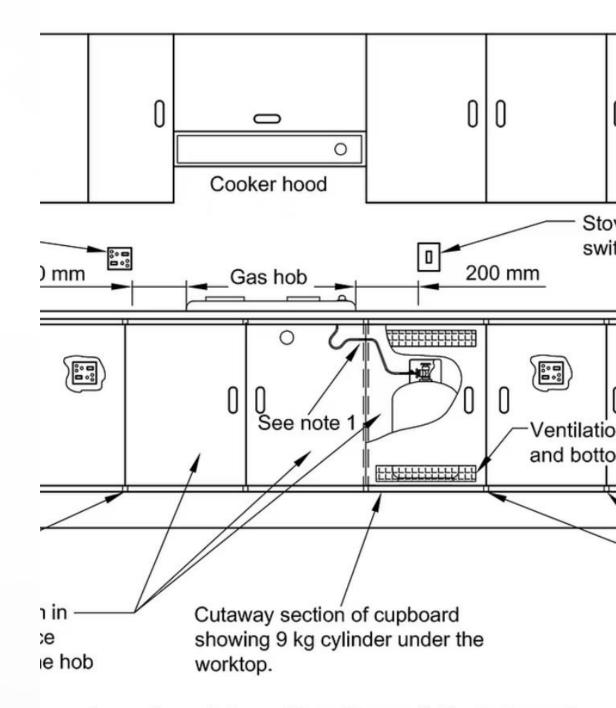
Describe the scope of work covered by different certificates, licenses, or qualifications

### Identify Other Trades' Work

Identify the work to be performed by other trades or technicians/fitters

### Apply Knowledge

Apply this understanding to daily work situations and decision-making



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### GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS

Acetate (cellulose triacetate)—A slow-burning base material frequently used for motion picture films. Also, in sheet form, for overlay cels.

Action—The movement of the subject within the camera field of view. Also, such movement as represented on film.

Angle—With reference to the subject, the direction from which a picture is taken. The camera-subject relationship in terms of their immediate surroundings.

Animated Zoom—A zoom effect achieved by making progressive changes in the sizes of artwork, rather than by moving the camera toward or away from the subject, in contrast with a continuous movement of the camera or a zoom accomplished by the adjustment of a variable focal length lens.

Animation—The technique of synthesizing apparent mobility of inanimate objects or drawings through the medium of cinematography. The term is also used for the sequence of drawings made to create the movement, and for the movement itself when seen on the screen.

Animation Board—Adjustable drawing board adapted by the addition of registration pegs to the needs of artists and designers.

Animation Camera—A motion picture camera with special capability for animation work, which usually includes frame and footage counters, the ability to expose a single frame at a time, reverse-filming capability, and parallax-free viewing.

Animation Stand —A specially designed unit for holding and photographing artwork, in which the camera, lighting equipment, registration device, platen, and compound table are an integral part.

Answer Print—The first combined picture and sound print, in release form, offered by the laboratory to the producer for his acceptance. It is usually studied carefully to determine whether changes are required prior to release printing.

Aperture—(1) Lens: The orifice, usually an adjustable iris, which limits the amount of light passing through a lens. (2) Camera: In motion picture cameras, the mask opening that defines the area of each frame exposed. (3) Projector: In motion picture projectors, the mask opening that defines the area of each frame projected.

Background—(1) Artwork: The setting against (or over) which animation takes place. (2) Live Action: The character or objects appearing farthest from the camera.

Backlighting—Light transmitted from beneath drawing or a cel to produce a silhouette or to illumnate transparent colors applied to an acetate base.

Barn Doors - Opaque sheet-metal plates hinged to tl front of a light to permit control of the light.

Beat-The musical tempo (of the sound track) use for timing animation action.

**Blank**—A cel without a drawing, used in photograph to keep the number of cel levels constant througho a scene to avoid changes of background color.

Blow Up (part of frame)—In transferring an image by means of an optical printer, it is possible to ellarge a properly proportioned fraction of the origin image to full frame size in the copy.

**Bumper Footage**—Extra footage of the opening ar final scenes in an animated film, which is added a standard procedure.

Burn In—The photographic double exposure of a tit or other subject matter over previously exposed file

**Burnish**—To fix in position by friction that is pr duced by rubbing a surface with a tool having smooth, rounded end.

Cel—A transparent sheet of cellulose acetate or sim lar plastic serving as a support or overlay for dravings, lettering, etc, in animation and title work. (Tavoid possible confusion with biological "cells," the preferred spelling is with one "l".) Cels are usual punched to fit pegs on the artist's easel and/or the platen of the animation stand to help register su cessive cels during artwork and photography.

**Cel Level**—The number of separate cels placed or over the other (over a common background) and phtographed at the same time.

Clean-Up—Making finished layout drawings fro roughs. Removing surplus ink, paint, fingerprint and dust from cels before photography.

Close-Up—A detail photographed with a long foc length lens, or from such a short distance that only small portion of the subject fills a frame of film.

Color Correction - Alteration of tonal values of colors objects or images by the use of light filters, either with camera or printer.

**Color Model**—A specimen cel designed in conjunctic with the background of each subject, painted in co ors or tones as a guide to the painting of the who scene.

# **Key Terminology**

Term	Definition
Limitation	Task that gas technicians/fitters may perform
Responsibility	Task that gas technicians/fitters must perform

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# Understanding Scope of Work

### Jurisdictional Knowledge

A gas technician/fitter must understand the responsibilities and limitations of the licenses, qualifications he or she possesses for the jurisdiction in which he or she will work.

### **Regional Variations**

This will vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Refer to Table 1-2 in Chapter 1, Codes, acts, and regulations to identify the applicable act, regulation, or other document and where to obtain a copy.



# **Tiered Certification System**



Most jurisdictions have a tiered system, i.e., a number of levels of gas technicians/fitters having specific job responsibilities and limitations. Typically at least two levels are defined: one covering residential and the other on industrial/commercial gas/propane equipment. Other levels or classes exist in some jurisdictions.

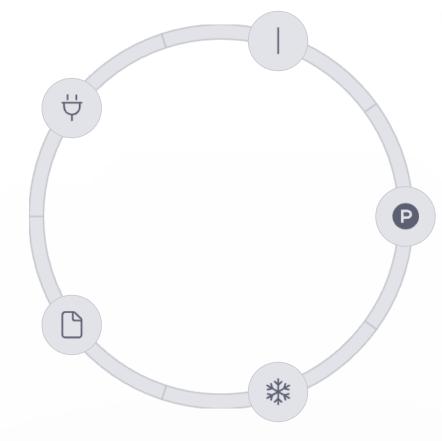
# Work of Other Trades

### Electrical

Wiring, electrical connections, and power supply work

### Warranty Claims

Customer warranty service requirements



### Plumbing

Water connections, drainage, and pipe fitting

### **Sheet Metal**

Ductwork, venting, and metal fabrication

### Refrigeration

Cooling systems and refrigerant handling

When a gas technician/fitter must do work that does not fall within the scope of his or her certificate, license, or qualification, work may fall under these other trades.

# **Important Limitations**

### **Certificate Limitations**

The technician/fitter must not perform work that is not allowed by the limitations of his or her certificate, license, or qualification.

Each level of certification has specific boundaries that must be respected to ensure safety and regulatory compliance.

### **Knowledge Limitations**

The technician/fitter must not perform work if he or she is unsure of how to perform the work properly or safely.

Even if technically permitted by certification, work should not be attempted without proper knowledge and confidence in one's abilities.

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# **Jurisdictional Differences**



### **Identify Jurisdiction**

Determine which province or territory you're working in



### Research Regulations

Find the specific acts and regulations that apply



### **Verify Certification**

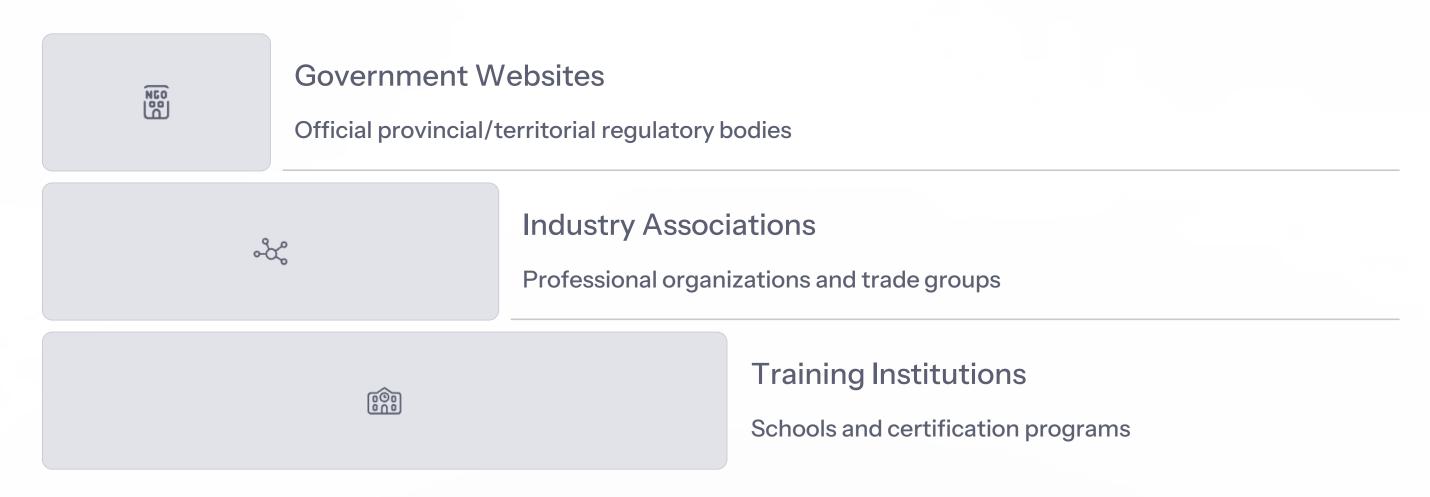
Ensure your certification is valid for that jurisdiction



### **Confirm Scope**

Understand what work you can legally perform

# Finding Regulatory Information



Refer to Table 1-2 in Chapter 1, Codes, acts, and regulations to identify the applicable act, regulation, or other document and where to obtain a copy.

## Residential vs. Commercial Certification

### **Residential Certification**

- Domestic appliances
- Home heating systems
- Residential water heaters
- Lower BTU equipment
- Standard venting systems

### Commercial/Industrial Certification

- High-capacity equipment
- Complex control systems
- Industrial processes
- Higher BTU ratings
- Specialized venting requirements



# **Electrical Work Boundaries**

### Gas Technician May Perform

- Basic electrical troubleshooting
- Replacement of direct components
- Testing of safety circuits

### Requires Licensed Electrician

- New electrical installations
- Panel modifications
- Wiring upgrades
- Complex electrical repairs



# Plumbing Work Boundaries



Gas Technician Scope

Connection of gas appliances to existing plumbing



Plumber Required

Installation of new water lines or drains



Shared Responsibility

Coordination on combination systems



**Dual Certification** 

Some technicians hold both qualifications

### **Sheet Metal Work Boundaries**

#### **Ductwork Installation**

Typically performed by sheet metal workers

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#### **Venting Systems**

May require specialized certification

#### **Equipment Connections**

Often within gas technician scope

**Custom Fabrication** 

Requires sheet metal training

# Refrigeration Work Boundaries



**Refrigerant Handling** 

Requires specific environmental certification



**Cooling System Repairs** 

Typically performed by refrigeration technicians



**Heat Pump Service** 

May require dual certification



**Integrated Systems** 

Often requires collaboration between trades



# Warranty Work Considerations



#### **Review Warranty Terms**

Understand what work is covered under manufacturer warranty



#### **Verify Authorization**

Confirm you're authorized to perform warranty service



#### Perform Approved Work

Complete only the work specified in warranty claim



#### **Document Properly**

Maintain records for warranty reimbursement





# Safety Considerations

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**Priority** 

Safety must always be the primary consideration

Accidents

Goal for incidents when working within proper scope

100%

Compliance

Required adherence to safety regulations

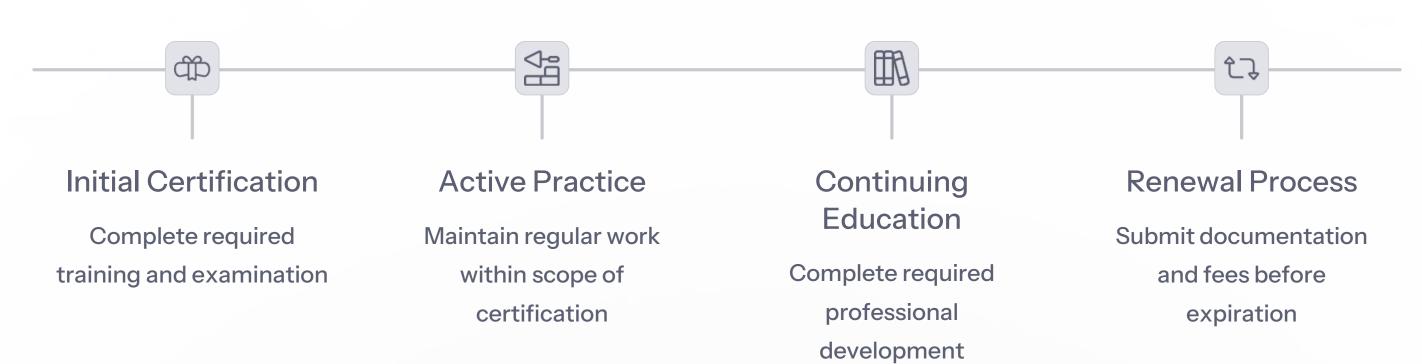
### When to Refer Work to Others



The technician/fitter must not perform work if he or she is unsure of how to perform the work properly or safely.



# Certification Renewal Requirements





# Consequences of Working Outside Scope

#### Legal Consequences

- Fines and penalties
- License suspension or revocation
- Legal liability for damages

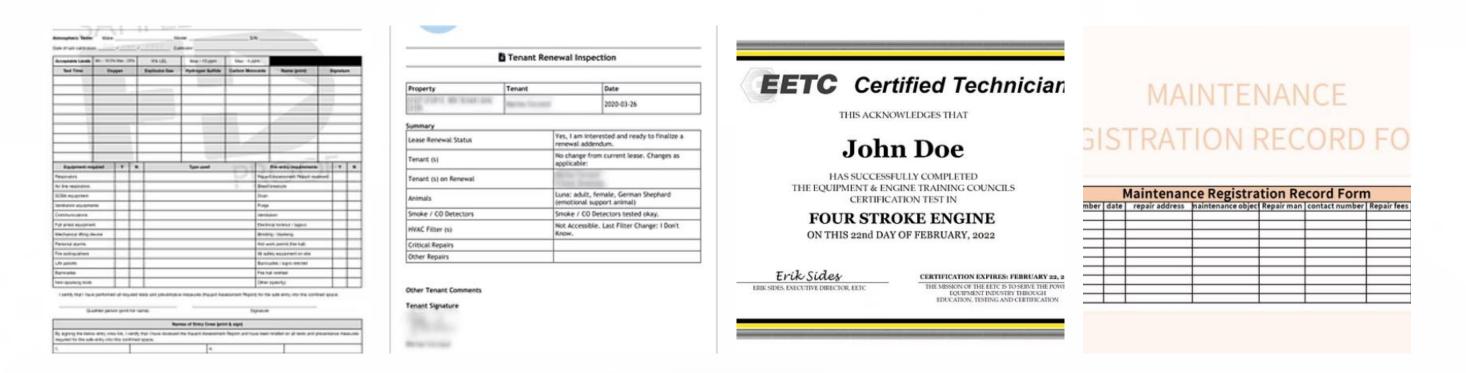
#### Safety Risks

- Potential for serious accidents
- Carbon monoxide exposure
- Fire or explosion hazards

#### **Professional Impact**

- Damage to reputation
- Loss of insurance coverage
- Difficulty finding employment

# **Documentation Requirements**



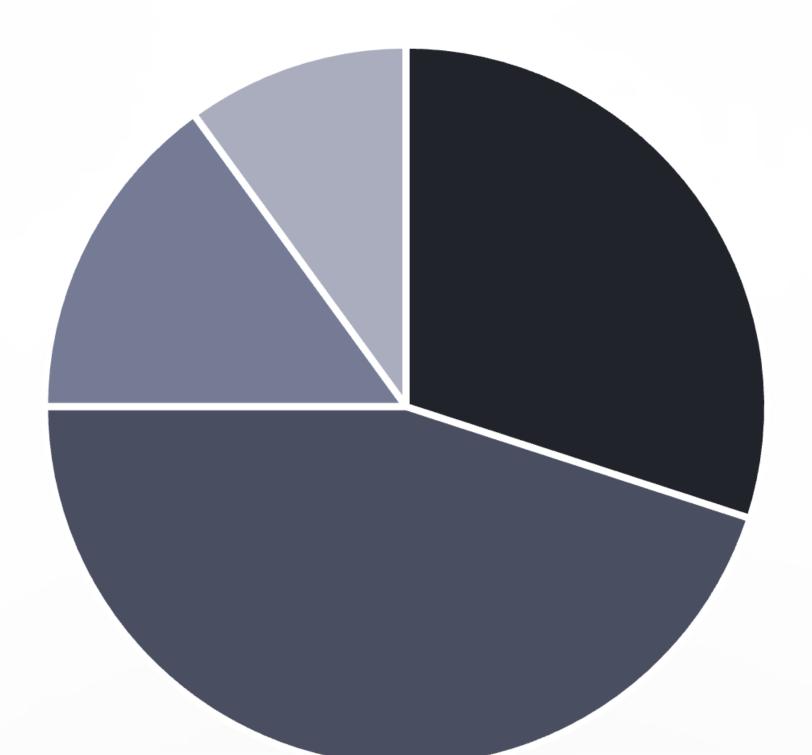
Proper documentation is essential for demonstrating compliance with scope of work requirements. Always maintain copies of permits, inspection reports, and certification documents.

# Continuing Education Importance



Continuing education helps gas technicians/fitters maintain awareness of their scope of work as regulations and technologies evolve. Regular training ensures you understand both your responsibilities and limitations.

### **Cross-Jurisdictional Considerations**



# Specialized Equipment Considerations







# Commercial Kitchen Equipment

May require specific commercial certification and knowledge of food service safety requirements

#### **Industrial Boilers**

Often requires advanced certification and specialized training for high-pressure systems

#### **Laboratory Equipment**

May involve unique safety protocols and precision requirements beyond standard certification

# Propane vs. Natural Gas Certification

#### **Natural Gas Certification**

- Pipeline distribution systems
- Lower pressure considerations
- Utility coordination requirements
- Specific venting requirements

#### **Propane Certification**

- Storage tank regulations
- Higher pressure systems
- Delivery system requirements
- Cold weather considerations

#### **Dual Certification**

Many jurisdictions require separate or additional certification for working with propane systems compared to natural gas systems.

Some jurisdictions offer combined certification that covers both fuel types.

# Emergency Response Limitations

#### **Initial Assessment**

Gas technicians can perform initial safety assessment

#### **Basic Mitigation**

Shutting off gas supply and securing the area

#### **Professional Coordination**

Contacting emergency services and utility companies when situation exceeds scope

#### Documentation

Recording actions taken within scope of certification





### Apprenticeship and Supervision Requirements



# Code Update Impacts on Scope

#### **Code Revisions**

Regular updates to gas codes and standards

#### **Practice Adaptation**

Adjusting work methods to comply with new standards



#### **Certification Requirements**

Possible changes to what each level can perform

#### **Training Updates**

Learning new requirements and procedures



# Professional Ethics and Scope



**Honesty About Limitations** 

Ethical obligation to inform clients when work is outside your scope



**Protecting Public Safety** 

Prioritizing safety over business considerations



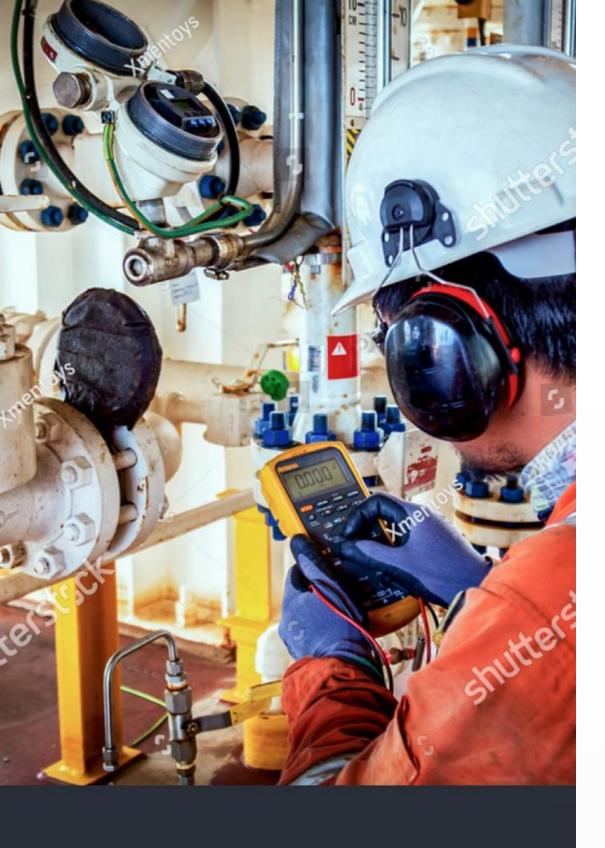
**Professional Referrals** 

Maintaining a network of other qualified professionals for referrals



**Continuous Learning** 

Commitment to staying informed about scope boundaries



# Summary: Key Points About Scope of Work







Jurisdictional Awareness

varies by location

Understanding that scope

Certification Limitations

Working only within permitted boundaries

**Trade Boundaries** 

Recognizing when to involve other trades



#### Safety First

Never performing work without proper knowledge

A gas technician/fitter must understand the responsibilities and limitations of the licenses, qualifications he or she possesses for the jurisdiction in which he or she will work. The technician/fitter must not perform work that is not allowed by the limitations of his or her certificate, license, or qualification, and must not perform work if he or she is unsure of how to perform the work properly or safely.

### CSA Unit 4

# Chapter 3 Additional Codes, Acts, and Regulations for Gas and Propane Installations

Gas technicians and fitters must be familiar with various codes, acts, and regulations that affect gas and propane installations beyond the primary standards. These additional requirements ensure safety, proper installation, and compliance across different aspects of gas and propane work.



#### Checklist to ensure compliance with RTA\*

	Full service of each landlord provided gas appliance including:
	- clean dust and debris from appliances including burner, pilot, fan, filters and air intakes
	- check the integrity of the heat exchanger
	- check the appliance gas supply and operating pressures
	- check that the gas appliance burner ignition is reliable and complete
	- check for any gas appliance flame abnormality
	- check the operation of the gas appliance, including safety devices
	- complete a combustion spillage (carbon monoxide) test on all heating appliances and internal, open flued appliances
	For each gas installation & appliance:
	- check pressure retention on the main gas line
	- ensure safe access for servicing & adjustment
	- check that electrically safe
	- check that gas installations, including gas cookers, are adequately restrained to avoid tipping over
	- check that gas installations meet clearance requirements from any combustible surface
	- where LPG cylinders are present, check that they and associated gas components are installed correctly
	- check that there is adequate ventilation for appliances to act safely
	- check that gas isolation valves are installed, as required
	- check gas appliances for evidence of certification
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Provio	ler name:

# Purpose of Additional Codes and Regulations



#### Safety Assurance

Ensure installations meet comprehensive safety standards across multiple regulatory domains



#### **Regulatory Compliance**

Provide clear guidelines for technicians to follow when performing installations



#### **Public Protection**

Safeguard consumers and workers from potential hazards related to gas and propane



#### **Professional Standards**

Establish consistent quality benchmarks across the industry

### **Learning Objectives**

#### **Identify Additional Codes**

Recognize the various codes beyond CSA B149.1 and B149.2 that impact gas and propane installations

#### **Understand Related Acts**

Comprehend how different legislative acts affect installation practices

#### **Apply Regulations**

Know how to implement regulatory requirements in daily work

#### Maintain Compliance

Ensure all work meets the standards set by multiple regulatory bodies





# Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)

#### Definition

WHMIS provides workers, employers, and suppliers of materials with vital information about hazardous materials in the workplace

#### Purpose

Ensures that all parties have access to information needed to safely handle, store, and dispose of hazardous materials used in gas and propane installations

#### Relevance

Gas technicians regularly work with materials that fall under WHMIS regulations, making compliance essential for workplace safety

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#### TECHNICAL MANUAL

ORGANIZATIONAL MAINTENANCE

REPAIR PARTS AND SPECIAL TOOLS LIST

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CARRIER, MORTAR, 81-MM, SELF-PROPELLED, M125A1 2350-00-071-0732

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# **Key Terminology**

Term	Abbreviation	Definition
Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System	WHMIS	Provides workers, employers, and suppliers of materials with vital information about hazardous materials in the workplace

# **Primary Installation Codes**



**CSA B149.1** 

Natural gas and propane installation code



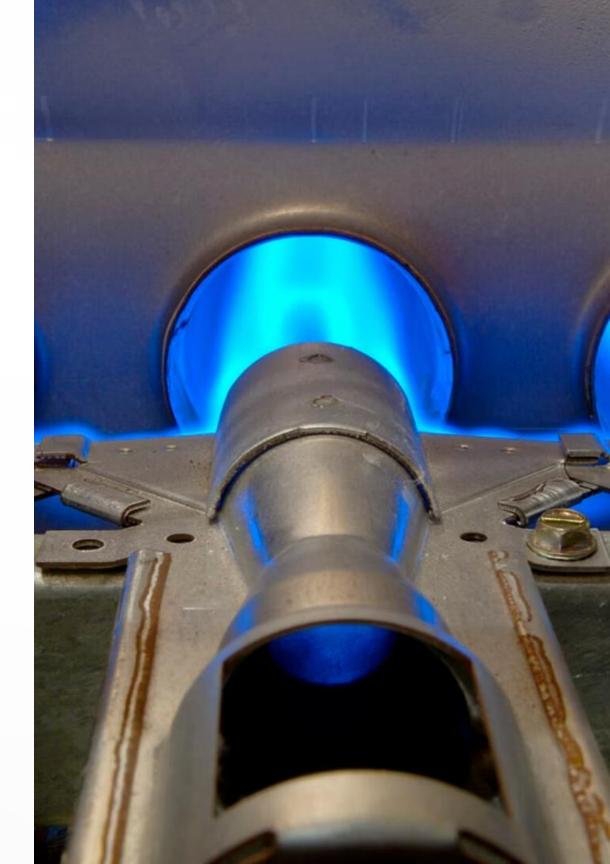
CSA B149.2

Propane storage and handling code

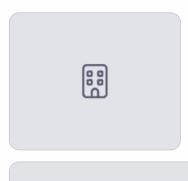


**Provincial Acts** 

Region-specific regulations governing installations



# **Building Codes**



#### **National Building Codes**

Comprehensive standards for construction



#### **Ventilation Requirements**

Specifications for proper air exchange



#### **Chimney Standards**

Construction and clearance requirements



#### **Clearance Specifications**

Safe distances from manufactured chimneys

### **Electrical Codes**

Canadian Electrical Code

National standard for electrical installations

□ Separate Circuits

Specifications for dedicated electrical circuits

Switch Requirements

Standards for electrical switches on gas equipment

Requirements for access to electrical components

Wire Sizing

Proper gauge requirements for different applications

Permits and Inspections

Required documentation and verification processes



### CSA B149.3 Code

#### **Full Title**

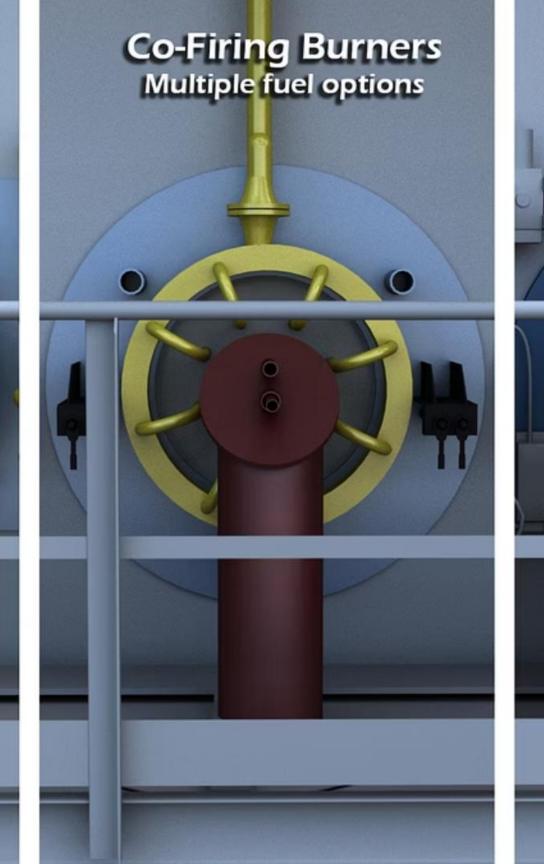
Code for the Field Approval of Fuelburning Appliances and Equipment

#### Purpose

Contains requirements for fuelrelated components and accessories and their assembly on appliances utilizing gas

#### Valve Train Diagrams

Includes detailed schematics for proper component assembly and configuration



### Application of CSA B149.3



New, Non-certified Appliances

Applies to all inputs for which there is no approved standard



**Equipment Assembly** 

Governs proper component configuration and installation



**Upgrading Existing Appliances** 

Required when modifications are made to certified or noncertified appliances



Field Approval Process

Establishes procedures for on-site verification of compliance

# Occupational Health and Safety Act

#### **Provincial Authority**

Each province sets its own occupational health and safety acts and regulations

These provincial standards may vary in specific requirements but share common safety principles

#### **Primary Purpose**

To protect the health and safety of workers in all industries, including gas technicians

Establishes employer responsibilities, worker rights, and reporting procedures for workplace hazards

See Unit 1 Safety for more detailed information on OHSA requirements

### **Trades Qualification Act**

#### **Job Descriptions**

Defines specific roles and responsibilities

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#### Qualifications

Establishes required credentials

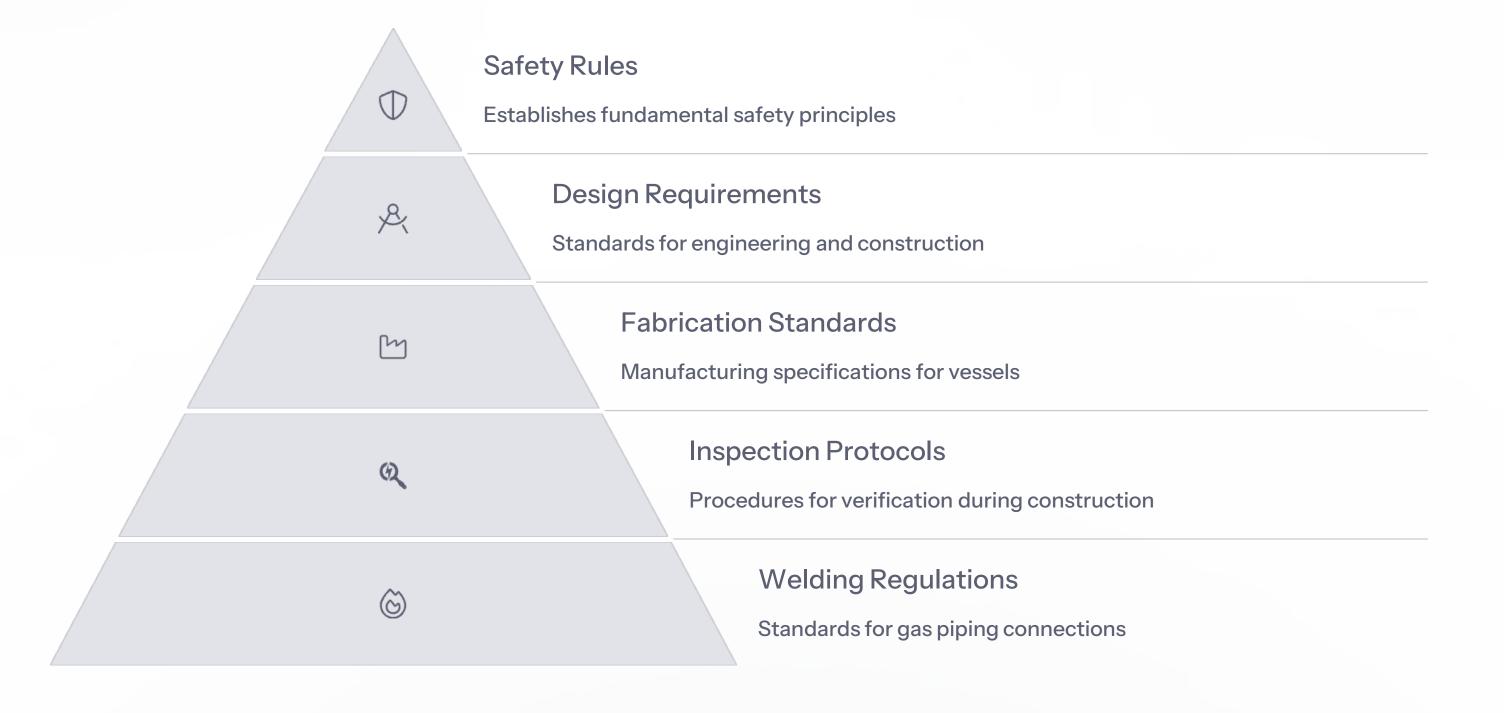
#### Certification

Regulates licensing and renewal processes

#### Scope of Work

Outlines permitted activities for each trade

### **Boiler and Pressure Vessels Act**





# Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act

#### **Federal Jurisdiction**

An act of the federal government regulating the transport and handling of goods deemed to be dangerous under the Act

#### **Propane Classification**

Includes specific provisions for the transport of propane as a dangerous good

#### Safety Requirements

Establishes protocols for safe transportation, including container specifications, vehicle requirements, and emergency procedures

#### Documentation

Mandates proper shipping papers, placarding, and training certifications for transporters

# Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)

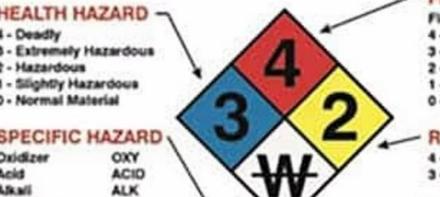
#### Legal Framework

WHMIS regulations lay out the legal steps that employers and suppliers of hazardous products must follow to ensure protection of workers' health and safety

#### **Three Main Elements**

- Labelling of hazardous materials
- Material safety data sheets/safety data sheets
- Education and training programs

#### **AZARD AWARENESS CHAR**



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Flash Points

- 4 Below 73°F / 22°C
- 3 Below 100°F / 37°C
- 1 Above 200°F / 93°C
- 0 Will not burn

#### REACTIVITY

- 4 May Detonate
- with Heat or Shock
- 2 Violent Chemical
- 1 Not Stable if Heate

# WHMIS 2015 Updates



#### February 2015

WHMIS updated to align with the United Nations (UN)'s Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)



#### International Alignment

Harmonization with global standards for chemical classification and labeling



#### Canadian Differences

Important to note that Canada's regulations do have differences from the UN GHS



#### **Further Information**

See Unit 1 Safety > Chapter 3. Hazardous Materials Chapter for more details







# Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and Safety Data Sheets (SDS)

# MSDS (under original WHMIS)

Technical bulletins that provide detailed information about hazardous products

Include handling procedures, hazard identification, and emergency measures

#### SDS (under WHMIS 2015)

Updated format for technical information about hazardous products

Standardized 16-section format aligned with international standards

#### Additional Information

See Unit 1 Safety > Chapter 3. Hazardous materials for further information

#### Carbon Monoxide and Your Safety



#### WHAT IS CARBON MONOXIDE (CO)?

You cannot taste or smell carbon monoxide, but it is a very dangerous gas, produced when any rns. High levels of carbon monoxide can come

fuel burns. High levels of carbon monoxide can come from appliances that are not operating correctly, or from a venting system or chimney that becomes blocked.

#### IF YOU SUSPECT CARBON MONOXIDE IS PRESENT, ACT IMMEDIATELY!

If you or a family member shows physical symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, get everyone out of the building and call 911 or your local fire department.



If it is safe to do so, open windows to allow entry of fresh air, and turn off any appliances you suspect may be releasing carbon monoxide.

If no one has physical symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, but you suspect that carbon monoxide is present, call your propane retailer or a qualified professional to check carbon monoxide levels and your propane equipment.

#### TO HELP REDUCE THE RISK OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

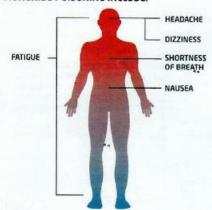
- Have a qualified professional check your propane appliances and related venting systems annually, preferably before the heating season begins.
- It is recommended that you consider installing carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home.
   Follow the manufacturer's instructions regarding use.
- Never use a gas oven or range-top burners to provide heating.
- Never use portable heaters indoors unless they are designed and approved for indoor use.
- Never use a barbecue grill (propane or charcoal) indoors for cooking or heating.
- Regularly check your appliance exhaust vents for blockage.

#### Carbon Monoxide Can Be Deadly!



High levels of carbon monoxide can make you dizzy or sick (see below). In extreme cases, it can cause brain damage or death.

#### SYMPTOMS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING INCLUDE:

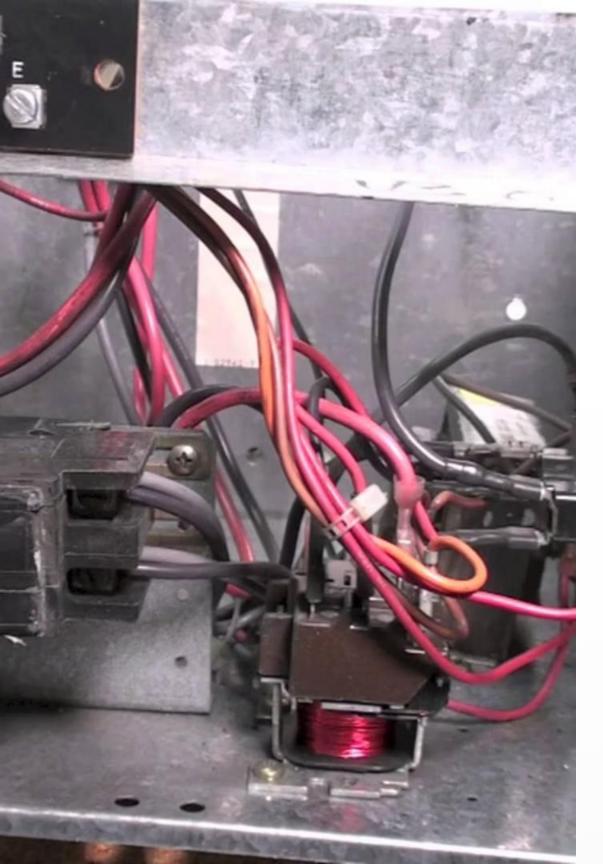


#### SIGNS OF IMPROPER APPLIANCE OPERATION THAT CAN GENERATE HIGH CARBON MONOXIDE LEVELS:

- · Sooting, especially on appliances and vents
- Unfamiliar or burning odor
- Increased moisture inside of windows
- Yellow flames

#### WHAT IS PROPANE?

Propane (also called LPG – liquefied petroleum gas – or LP gas) is a liquid fuel stored under pressure. In most systems, propane is vaporized to a gas before it leaves the tank, Propane is flammable when mixed with air (oxygen) and can be ignited by many sources, including open flames, smoking materials, electrical sparks, and static electricity. Severe "freeze burn" or frostbite can result if propane liquid comes in contact with your skin.



# CSA Z240.4.1 - Manufactured Homes



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#### **Application Scope**

Requirements applicable to the installation of gasburning appliances in new manufactured homes



# Special Considerations

Addresses unique challenges of gas installations in factorybuilt housing



#### Safety Focus

Ensures proper ventilation, clearances, and connections in confined spaces



### CSA Z240.4.2 - Recreational Vehicles



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#### Vehicle Types Covered

Folding camping trailers, fifth-wheel trailers, motor homes, truck campers, and travel trailers



#### **Application Scope**

Requirements applicable to the installation of propane appliances and equipment in recreational vehicles



#### Safety Emphasis

Addresses unique challenges of propane use in mobile environments

### Relationship Between Codes and Acts

#### Legislative Acts

#### **Installation Codes**

Technical standards for proper installation

- CSA B149.1
- CSA B149.2
- CSA B149.3

#### Legal framework for enforcement

- OHSA
- Trades Qualification Act
- Boiler and Pressure Vessels Act

#### Regulations

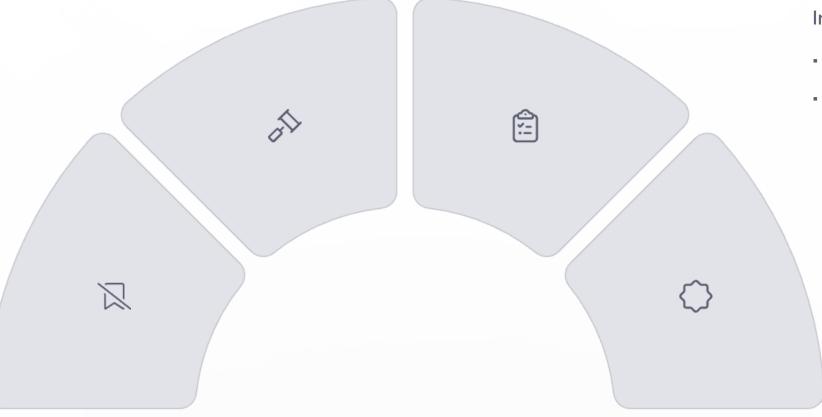
Specific rules under acts

- WHMIS
- Provincial regulations

#### **Standards**

Industry-accepted practices

- CSA Z240.4.1
- CSA Z240.4.2





# Importance of Building Codes for Gas Installations

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Code Levels

**Key Areas** 

Both national and provincial building codes may apply to a single installation

Ventilation, chimneys, and clearances are the primary building code concerns for gas installations

30%

**Ventilation Requirements** 

Percentage of installation issues related to inadequate ventilation

# Ventilation Requirements in Building Codes

#### Air Supply

Building codes specify minimum requirements for combustion air supply to gas appliances

- Room volume calculations
- Air exchange rates
- Direct outdoor air connections

#### **Exhaust Systems**

Standards for removing combustion products safely from the building

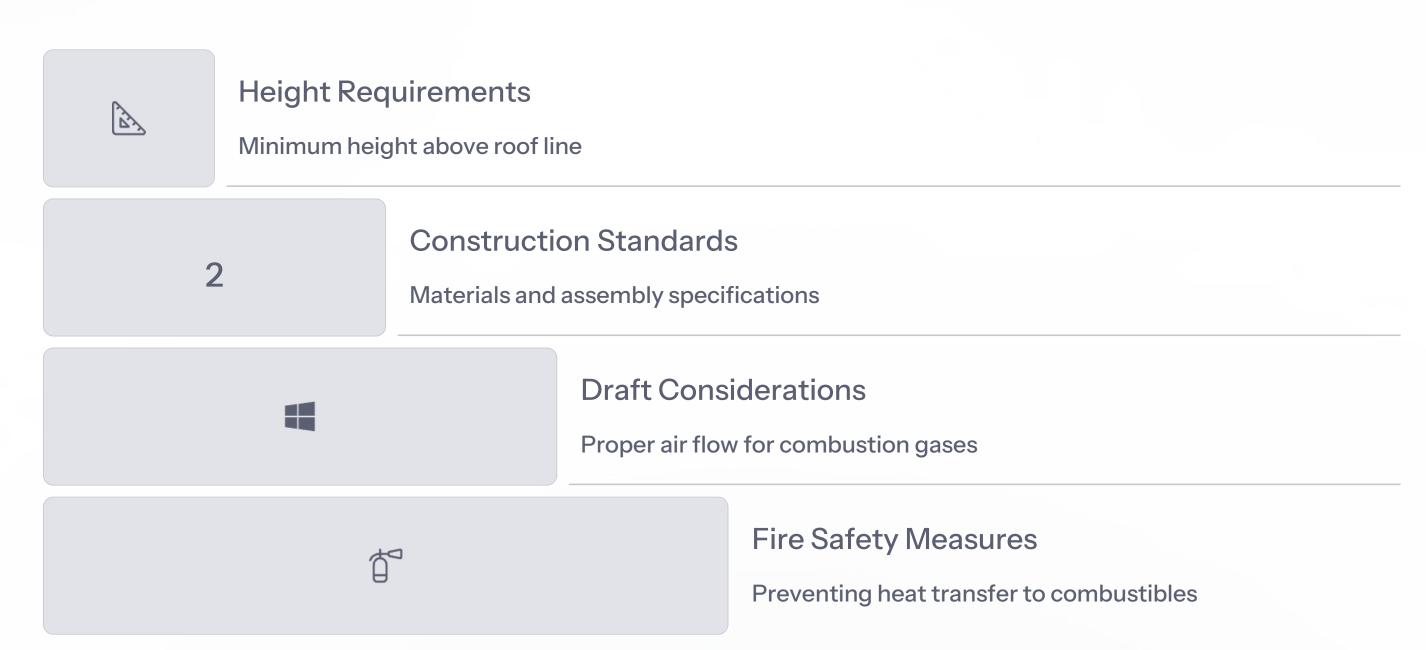
- Vent sizing requirements
- Termination clearances
- Materials specifications

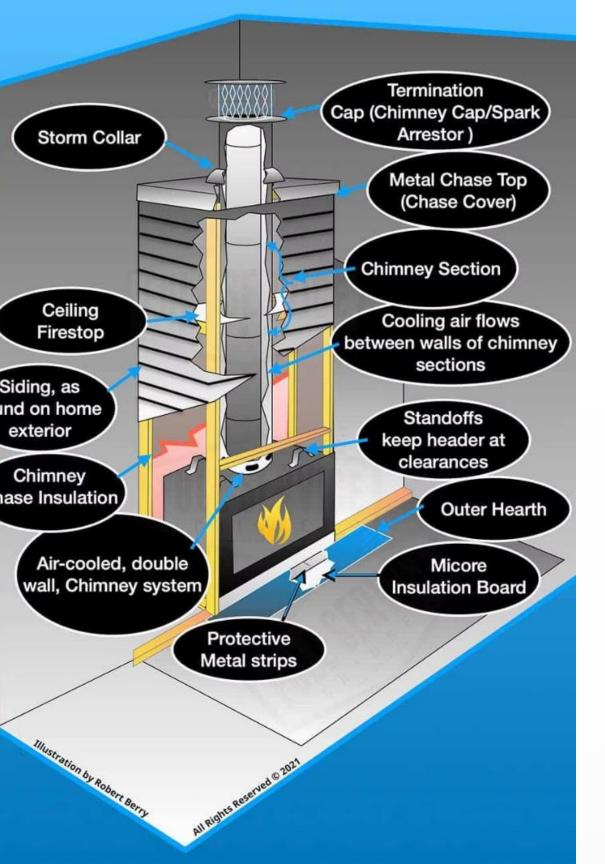
#### **Special Applications**

Additional requirements for specific installations

- Commercial kitchens
- Enclosed spaces
- High-efficiency appliances

# Chimney Requirements in Building Codes





# Clearances from Manufactured Chimneys

#### Combustible Materials

Building codes specify minimum distances between manufactured chimneys and any combustible materials

These clearances vary based on chimney type, appliance BTU input, and local code requirements

#### **Roof Penetrations**

Special requirements for where chimneys pass through roofs

Includes flashing, support, and firestopping specifications

#### **Exterior Clearances**

Minimum distances from chimney termination to windows, doors, and adjacent structures

Designed to prevent re-entry of combustion gases into buildings

# Electrical Code Requirements for Gas Appliances



#### Accessibility

Clear access to electrical connections



#### **Dedicated Circuits**

Separate electrical supply for appliances



#### Wire Sizing

Proper gauge for amperage requirements



#### Switch Requirements

Disconnect means within sight of equipment



### **Electrical Permits and Inspections**

#### **Permit Application**

Required before beginning electrical work on gas appliance installations

Must be obtained by qualified person as defined by provincial regulations

#### Installation According to Code

All electrical connections must comply with Canadian Electrical Code and provincial amendments

Includes proper grounding, wire protection, and connection methods

#### **Inspection Process**

Licensed electrical inspector must verify compliance before system is energized

May require multiple inspections for rough-in and final connections

#### **Documentation**

Final inspection certificate must be obtained and maintained with installation records

Required for warranty validation and insurance purposes



## Field Approval Process Under CSA B149.3

**Documentation Review** 

Examination of design specifications

Approval Issuance

Certification of compliance with standards



Component Inspection

Verification of proper parts and assembly

**Testing Procedures** 

Performance and safety verification

# Valve Train Diagrams in CSA B149.3

#### Purpose

Valve train diagrams provide standardized configurations for fuel delivery systems on gas appliances

They ensure proper sequencing of components for safe operation and combustion control

#### Components Covered

- Manual shut-off valves
- Pressure regulators
- Safety shut-off valves
- Vent valves
- Pressure switches
- Proving devices

#### Application

Required for non-certified appliances and when upgrading existing equipment

Configurations vary based on input rating, application type, and safety requirements

### Worker Protection Under OHSA



# TRAINING For Owners



# Employer Responsibilities Under OHSA



Provide Safe Equipment

Ensure all tools and equipment meet safety standards



**Establish Procedures** 

Develop and implement safe work practices



Train Workers

Provide adequate instruction on hazards and safety



Supervise Effectively

Monitor work to ensure compliance with safety procedures



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### **Trades Qualification Requirements**

#### **Licensing Levels**

Provincial trades qualification acts establish different certification levels for gas technicians

Each level permits specific types of work and installations

#### **Training Requirements**

Mandated education and practical experience hours

Examinations to verify knowledge and competence

#### **Scope Limitations**

Clear definitions of what work can be performed by each trade and certification level

Restrictions on crossing into other trade domains

#### Renewal Process

Continuing education requirements

Regular recertification to maintain current knowledge



# Propane Tanks Under Pressure Vessels Act







#### Registration

All propane tanks must be registered with provincial authorities

#### Inspection

Regular examination by certified inspectors

#### Certification

Must bear appropriate certification stamps



#### Recertification

Periodic testing and recertification requirements

# Welding Regulations for Gas Piping

#### Welder Certification

Under the Boiler and Pressure Vessels
Act, only certified welders can
perform welding on gas piping
systems

Certification requires specific training and testing for pressure piping applications

#### Welding Procedures

All welding must follow approved procedures that meet code requirements

Procedures must be documented and available for inspection

- Material specifications
- Joint preparation
- Welding process parameters
- Post-weld treatment

#### **Inspection Requirements**

Welded connections must be inspected according to code requirements

May include visual inspection, radiography, or other non-destructive testing methods

# Propane Transport Requirements



#### Vehicle Specifications

Special requirements for vehicles transporting propane



#### Documentation

Required shipping papers and emergency response information



#### **Route Restrictions**

Limitations on where propane can be transported



#### **Hazard Placarding**

Proper identification of dangerous goods being transported



#### **Driver Training**

Specialized certification for transporting dangerous goods



#### **Emergency Equipment**

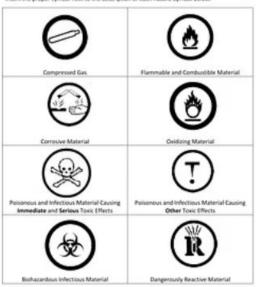
Required safety equipment for transport vehicles

# WHMIS Labeling Requirements



Why do we have WHMIS? To tell us how to safety handle and dispose of chemicals. To let us know the groper safety equipment and first aid steps to follow.

Insert the proper symbol next to the description of each Hazard Symbol below:







# WHMIS Education and Training

**General Education** Understanding WHMIS principles and symbols Workplace-Specific Training Procedures for specific hazardous materials Refresher Training Regular updates on changing requirements

# Safety Data Sheet Requirements

#### **SDS Sections**

- 1. Identification
- 2. Hazard identification
- 3. Composition/information on ingredients
- 4. First-aid measures
- 5. Fire-fighting measures
- 6. Accidental release measures
- 7. Handling and storage
- 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

#### SDS Sections (continued)

- 1. Physical and chemical properties
- 2. Stability and reactivity
- 3. Toxicological information
- 4. Ecological information
- 5. Disposal considerations
- 6. Transport information
- 7. Regulatory information
- 8. Other information

#### Accessibility Requirements

Must be readily available to workers

Updated when new information

becomes available

Required for all hazardous products in

the workplace

Must be in both official languages

(English and French)



# Manufactured Home Installation Considerations

#### **Space Constraints**

CSA Z240.4.1 addresses the unique challenges of limited space in manufactured homes

Special clearance requirements that differ from standard residential installations

#### **Ventilation Challenges**

Specific requirements for ensuring adequate combustion air in factory-built housing

May require direct vent appliances or dedicated air intake systems

#### **Mobility Considerations**

Standards for gas connections that accommodate potential movement of the structure

Requirements for securing appliances against movement during transport

#### **Access Requirements**

Specifications for service access to gas appliances and connections

May require special access panels or installation locations





### Recreational Vehicle Propane Systems



#### Storage Requirements

Specifications for propane cylinder mounting and protection



#### Distribution System

Standards for piping, fittings, and pressure regulation



#### Appliance Installation

Requirements for cooking, heating, and refrigeration equipment



#### **Testing Procedures**

Leak testing and system verification protocols

### RV Types Covered by CSA Z240.4.2



**Folding Camping Trailers** 

Collapsible trailers with canvas sides and propane systems for cooking and heating



Fifth-Wheel Trailers

Large trailers that connect to a pickup truck bed with comprehensive propane systems



**Motor Homes** 

Self-propelled recreational vehicles with integrated propane systems for multiple appliances



**Truck Campers** 

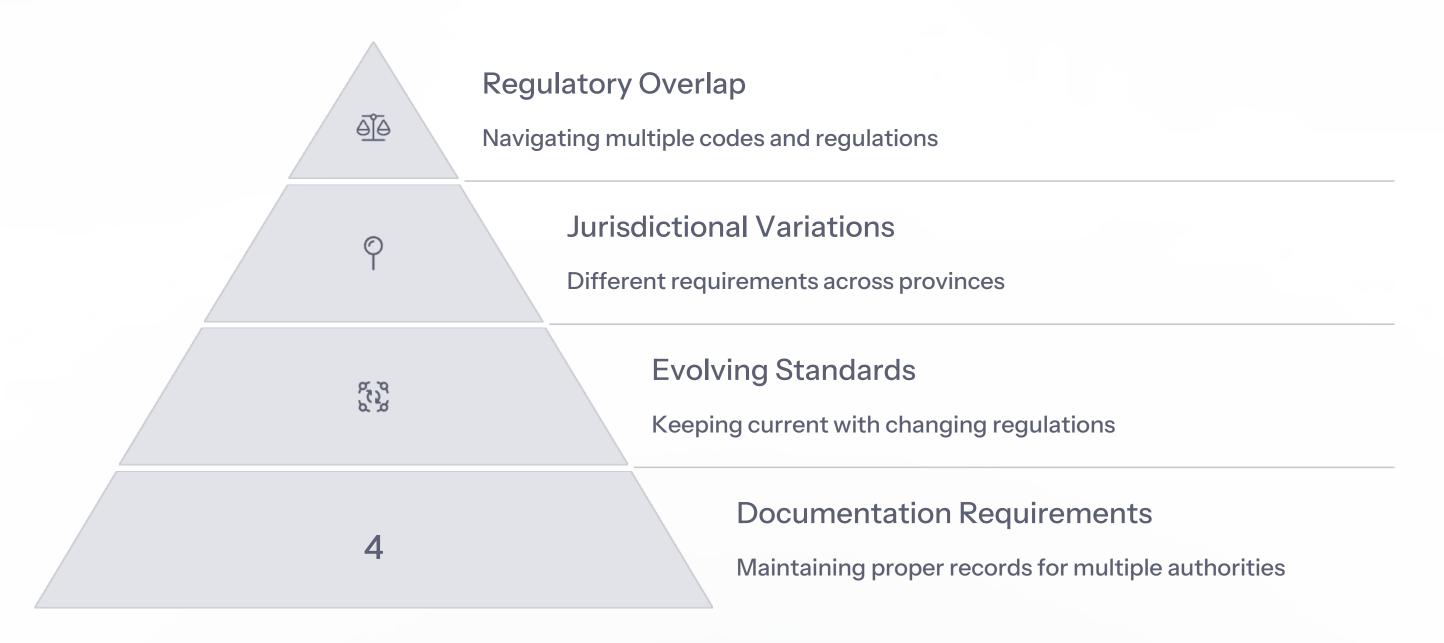
Units that mount in pickup truck beds with compact propane systems



**Travel Trailers** 

Towable RVs with propane systems for cooking, heating, and refrigeration

# Compliance Challenges for Gas Technicians



### Strategies for Regulatory Compliance

#### **Continuous Education**

Regularly update knowledge of codes and regulations through formal training and industry publications

Participate in manufacturer training sessions for specific equipment

#### **Documentation Systems**

Maintain organized records of permits, inspections, and compliance documentation

Develop checklists based on multiple code requirements to ensure comprehensive compliance

#### **Professional Networking**

Establish relationships with inspectors and regulatory authorities

Participate in industry associations to stay informed of regulatory changes

#### **Digital Resources**

Utilize mobile applications and online tools for code reference and compliance verification

Subscribe to regulatory update services for immediate notification of changes



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# Consequences of Non-Compliance

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100%

**Potential Fines** 

Regulatory penalties for code violations

Liability Exposure

Personal and professional responsibility for incidents

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Insurance Coverage

Amount typically provided for noncompliant installations

### **NOTICE**

requires the owner of the premises to advise tenants that whe hat a gas leak has occurred, they should take the following ac

ly open nearby doors and windows and then leave the building tely; do not attempt to locate the leak. Do not turn on or off a es, do not smoke or light matches or lighters, and do not use a cell-phone within the building;

leaving the building, from a safe distance away from the building to report the suspected gas leak;

calling 911, call the gas service provider for this building as i

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# Inspection and Enforcement Mechanisms

#### **Permit Review**

Initial assessment of planned work

#### **Enforcement Actions**

Penalties and remediation requirements



#### Site Inspections

Physical verification of compliance

#### **Violation Notices**

Documentation of non-compliance issues

# Coordination Between Regulatory Authorities

#### **Building Department**

Oversees structural and ventilation requirements

Issues building permits and occupancy certificates

Coordinates with gas authorities on chimney and ventilation approvals

#### Gas Authority

Regulates gas piping and appliance

installations

Issues gas permits and conducts

specific inspections

Works with electrical inspectors on appliance connections

#### **Electrical Authority**

Oversees electrical connections to gas

equipment

Issues electrical permits for gas

appliance installations

Coordinates with gas inspectors on

control systems



# Future Trends in Gas and Propane Regulation

- Environmental Considerations

  Increasing focus on emissions and efficiency standards
- Digital Compliance Tools

  Electronic permitting and inspection systems
- International Harmonization

  Greater alignment with global standards
- Smart Appliance Integration

  New regulations for connected gas equipment







# Resources for Code and Regulatory Information

#### Official Publications

- CSA Group standards and codes
- Provincial regulatory documents
- Technical Safety Authority bulletins

#### **Industry Associations**

- Canadian Gas Association
- Propane Gas Association of Canada
- Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada

#### **Training Providers**

- Technical training institutes
- Manufacturer training programs
- Continuing education courses

#### **Digital Resources**

- Online code subscription services
- Mobile reference applications
- Regulatory update newsletters

# Keeping Current with Regulatory Changes



Regular Code Cycles

Most codes are updated on a 3-5 year cycle



**Bulletin Subscriptions** 

Sign up for regulatory authority notifications



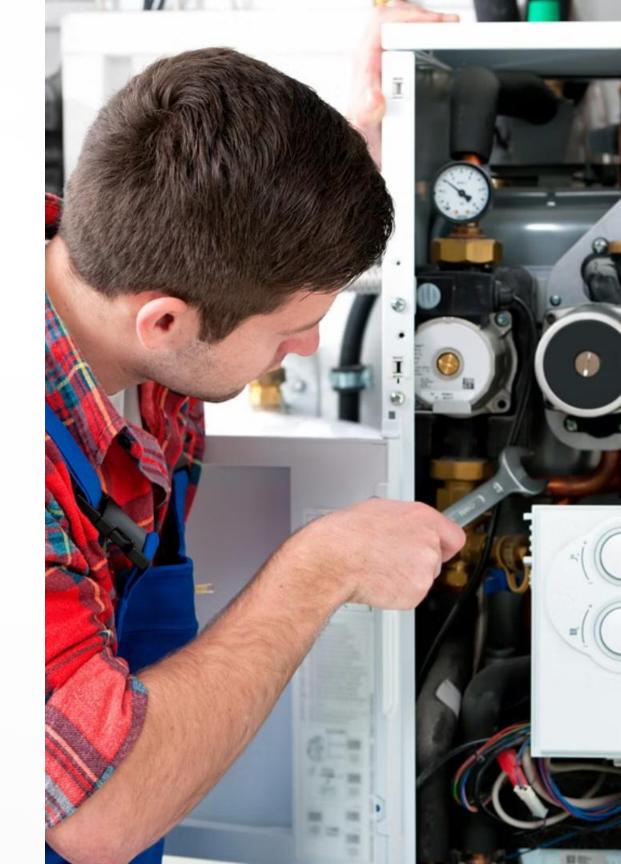
**Association Membership** 

Join industry groups that provide regulatory updates



**Continuing Education** 

Participate in regular code update training



# Practical Application of Multiple Codes

#### **Project Assessment**

Determine which codes and regulations apply to the specific installation

Consider building type, appliance specifications, and jurisdictional requirements

#### Comprehensive Planning

Create installation plans that address all applicable code requirements

Identify potential conflicts between different regulatory standards

#### **Permit Acquisition**

Obtain all necessary permits from relevant authorities

Building, gas, electrical, and pressure vessel permits as required

#### Coordinated Inspections

Schedule inspections in the proper sequence to ensure comprehensive compliance

Address any deficiencies promptly and according to inspector guidance



### Summary of Additional Codes, Acts, and Regulations

