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INTERPRETATION

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Question:

Would the requirements of the 1998 BC Plumbing Code Article 7.2.10.7 apply to hand held showers?

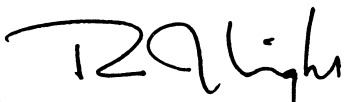
Interpretation:

NO — Where a deck mounted bathtub faucet serves a hand held shower and no wall bracket is provided, no thermostatic protection is considered mandatory.

Where the user must operate the shower in their hand, they would have total control of the direction of flow therefore, eliminating the scalding hazard.

YES — Where a fixed shower head or mounting bracket for hands free use is provided, thermostatic protection must be installed.

Also note that all showers requiring disabled design must include thermostatic protection.



R.J. Light, Committee Chair

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