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The Erie County General Health District's Plumbing Program has had numerous inquiries on our position regarding Section 424.5 of the Ohio Plumbing Code 2007, which went into effect on July 1, 2007. We have carefully reviewed the code section and we have investigated the potential for scalding of the elderly and young children. We have been entrusted to enforce the code and we feel that section 424.5 is clear and concise.

424.5

The hot water supplied bathtubs and whirlpool bathtubs **shall be limited** to a **maximum temperature of 120° (49°C) by a water temperature-limiting device** that conforms to ASSE 1070, except where such protection is **otherwise provided** by a combination tub/shower valve in accordance with section 424.3

Our decision is based on the health and safety of the residents and visitors of Erie County as well as the liability ramifications associated with neglecting to enforce this section of the Ohio Plumbing Code 2007. Permits issued after October 1, 2007 will have to comply with the current code. Should you need any assistance in explaining this to your customers we will gladly help in any way possible. We understand that quoted work is many times weeks and/or months ahead of permitted work and these costs may not have been included in your original quote. We hope that this clears up any questions you may have had on this matter. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully,

Plumbing Program
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