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**PROTECTION OF THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM**

**Subject: GREASE INTERCEPTORS**

This bulletin has been jointly developed by Safety Services and the Plumbing Technical Council to inform the plumbing industry of the requirements associated with the installation of a grease interceptor to protect the drainage system.

**Designers, Installers** and **Safety Codes Officers** are reminded that protection is required from materials that may impair the drainage system. Where a fixture discharges **fats, oils or grease (FOG)**; or similar materials, a grease interceptor designed for the purpose of trapping such discharge and with sufficient capacity to perform the task shall be installed in accordance with **Subsection 2.4.4** in the National Plumbing Code of Canada 2005.

**Except for dwelling units, where a *fixture* discharges *sewage* that includes fats, oils, or grease and is located in a public kitchen, in a restaurant or in a *care or detention occupancy*, it shall discharge through a grease *interceptor*.**

The intent of this requirement is to reduce the amount of **FOG** that will be discharged to the sewer system, which may cool and solidify within the drainage system, which could lead to blockage of the drainage system

The grease interceptor sizing and methods of installation shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or information found in ASPE Data Book, Volume 4, Chapter 8, Grease Interceptors.

In addition, the grease interceptor or cleanout cover shall be so located that it is readily accessible for use, cleaning and maintenance.