



Glass Fronts Safety- Will you be ready January 1, 2015?

The new safety mandate for Glass Fronts starts on 1/1/ 2015.

Here is what you need to know...

- The revised standard takes effect January 1, 2015.
- Only compliant units may be manufactured after January 1, 2015.
- Non-complying units can still be sold after the effective date. There is no deadline for such sales.
- Decorative elements are allowed.
- Standard applies only to gas fireplaces and glass-fronted heaters with glass surface temperatures that exceed 77.8 celcius and 172 fahrenheit. It does not apply to solid-fuel burning appliances.

For installers:

- Manufacturers must supply a barrier on all glass-fronted gas products with glass surface temperatures that exceed 77.8 celcius and 172 fahrenheit.
- Barrier must be in place when the product is installed.
- Installer must call the client's attention to the barrier and explain why it is required. Barriers are intended to protect children and other at-risk individuals.
- Remember, if you don't follow the new requirements you may be the one in jeopardy.

What about your showroom?

Retailers should contact the manufacturers they represent. The new standard does not affect existing installations but HPBA's position is that the safety of children and those at risk is always paramount. You may want to retrofit the gas fireplace in your showroom. Your past customers may also want to retrofit their appliances using aftermarket barriers. While it is not mandatory to have a safety screen on all showroom models it is certainly wise.

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