

Position:

The Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes and the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing must amend the National Building and Fire Codes and the Ontario Building Codes, respectively, such that maximum hot tap water temperature in the home is reduced to 49 degrees Celsius.

Resolution: [#A03-4, Hot Tap Water Burn Injuries Prevention](#)**Status:**

Closed by alPHa Advocacy Committee, March 9, 2004

Recent Developments:**March 9, 2004**

alPHa Advocacy Committee reviewed the regulation and voted unanimously to close the Resolution March 4, 2004

alPHa received a letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing John Gerretsen, informing us of the passage of O.Reg 23/04. [Click here to view the letter](#) (with the attached Reg).

February 20, 2004

Ontario Regulation 23/04 was filed on February 20, 2004, amending the 1997 Ontario Building Code (OBC), limiting the maximum temperature of hot water supplied by fittings in residential occupancies to 49° C. The water temperature limitations come into force on September 1, 2004.

[Please click here to view the Regulation](#)

January 5, 2004

Letter sent to Chris Hodgson on September 8th readdressed and resent to the new Minister of Municipal Affairs, John Gerretsen.

October 20, 2003

Reply received from the president of the Canada Housing and Mortgage Corporation indicating that CMHC has already conveyed its written support for this new standard to the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes (responsible for the NBCC). [Click here to read both letters.](#)

September 26th, 2003

Reply received from Arthur Carty, President of the National Research Council of Canada, indicating that it has received alPHa's resolution from the office of Allan Rock. This agency is responsible for the National Building Code of Canada (NBCC), which is not federal law, but rather a model code to encourage regulatory uniformity throughout the provinces. Mr. Carty has referred the Resolution to the NRC Codes Centre for consideration.

September 8th, 2003

Letters written by alPHa staff to federal Ministers of [Health \(Anne McLellan\)](#), [Industry \(Alan Rock\)](#) and [Transport \(David Collenette\)](#), and provincial Ministers of [Municipal Affairs and Housing \(Chris Hodgson\)](#) and [Health \(Tony Clement\)](#) introducing this Resolution.