

WIRING OF LEGAL SUITE

Question:

Does the Canadian Electrical Code require a panel to be installed in a secondary suite (new construction only)?

Answer:

The issues of "metering" or "legal" have no bearing. The Canadian Electrical Code rule (BC Amendment to rule 6-206(2)c) states that this is now a multiple occupancy building **so a separate panel and main breaker is required or access to the existing main panel**. Since in most cases access can not be guaranteed, a separate panel is required.