

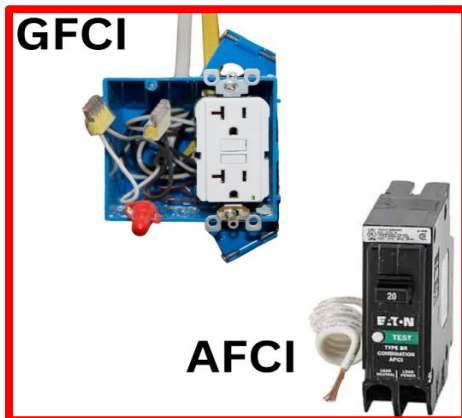
# Bullseye Bulletin

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## GFCI Outlets and AFCI Breakers



Both GFCI and AFCI are technologies in electricity that prevent possible injury and fire by automatically sensing issues and shutting off. Although they are similar in how they operate, they are different on WHEN they operate. Below is information on both GFCI and AFCI protection and how they are designed to keep your family and your home safe!

### GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter)

GFCI's protect the user from getting shocked especially in wet areas like bathrooms and kitchens. If water is detected, the GFCI shuts off instantaneously. GFCI's are mainly located in bathrooms, kitchens, garages and outdoor outlets.

The main function of the GFCI is to **PREVENT SHOCK!**

### AFCI (Arc Fault Circuit Interrupter)

AFCI's detect arcs/sparks from faulty wiring, damaged cords or loose connections and are found in the homes electrical panel. They protect areas such as living rooms and bedrooms. If the AFCI detects any arc, it shuts off electricity to that section of the home in a split second.

The main function of the AFCI is to **PREVENT FIRES!**

Updated construction code requires GFCI and AFCI in newer home construction; however, older homes built prior to these code upgrades are not required to have them. If you do renovations to a property without these protections, it is good practice to upgrade your home to include GFCI outlets and AFCI breakers to help protect your home and family!

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