



Newsletter Issue: June 2026



Upcoming Webinar: GFCI Outlets June. 2nd
2026 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

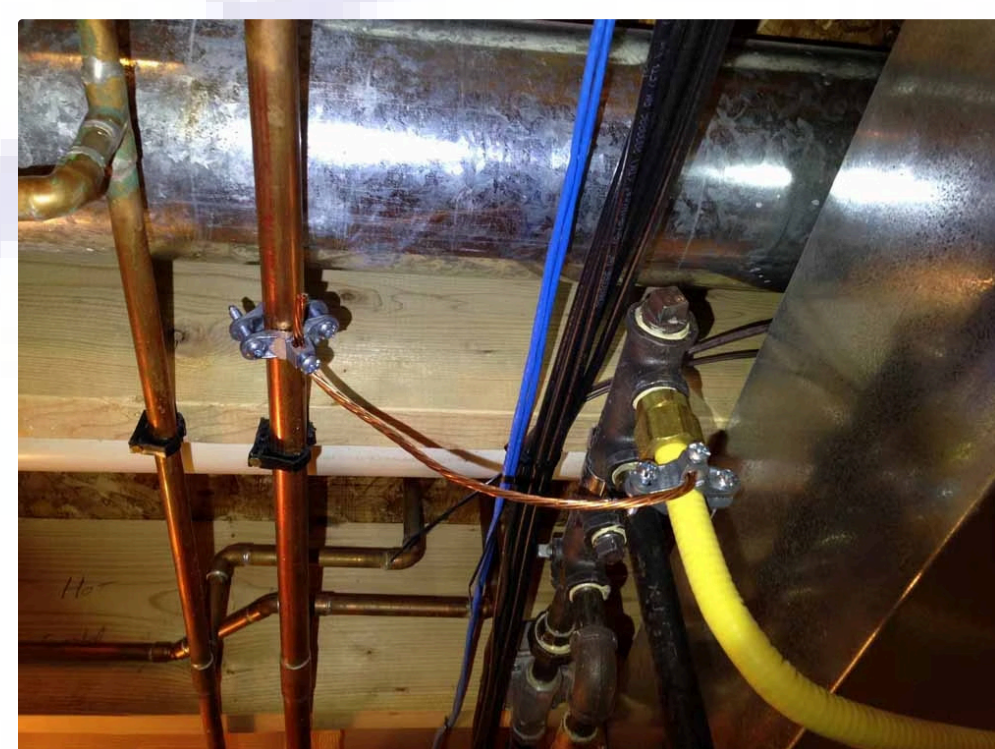
Attending this GFCI Outlets & 2023 Electrical Code Update webinar will gain a clear understanding of how Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupters work.

INDUSTRY HEADLINES

Realtor.com reported that new listings hit their highest April level since 2022, while prices softened for the sixth straight month. [Click Here](#)

Inspector Story of the Month

Corrugated stainless steel tubing, commonly referred to as CSST, was observed at the property. The CSST did not appear to be properly bonded. I noted the clamp for the bonding was installed on the CSST tubing. It should not be.



Takeaway for Inspectors

- **How significant is this?**
- 1. This is an extreme safety issue.
- **Document and explain.** Clear notes and photos help your clients understand what you saw — and why it matters.
- **Limitation of Inspection.** Document, Document, Document.

As home inspectors, we don't just check boxes — we protect people, one observation at a time.

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Connecticut home inspectors must complete CE by March 31 of the renewal cycle

Connecticut DCP states that home inspectors must complete **20 credit hours per two-year cycle**, and the CE must be completed between **April 1 of an odd-numbered year and March 31 of the odd-numbered year two years later**. DCP also requires at least **3 credit hours** in current home inspection legislation, licensing laws, and regulations. [Click Here](#)



1) Smoke alarm recall is relevant for inspectors and safety reporting

The CPSC recalled LShome photoelectric smoke detector fire alarms because they may fail to warn during a fire, creating a serious injury or death hazard. [Click Here](#)

2) New DOE rule: most new electric tank water heaters over 35 gallons will need heat-pump technology after May 6, 2029

The U.S. Department of Energy finalized updated energy-efficiency standards for residential water heaters. Compliance is required starting **May 6, 2029**. DOE says the rule will result in **more than 50% of newly manufactured electric storage water heaters using heat-pump technology**, compared with about 3% at the time of the rule. [Click Here](#)

3) GAF Energy Timberline Solar Energy Shingles — fire hazard

CPSC recalled **GAF Energy Timberline Solar Energy Shingles** in 2023 because electrical components in the solar shingles can malfunction, creating a **fire hazard**. The recall involved about **2,100 units** and included **TLS-1 jumper modules and TLS-1 energy shingles** installed as part of a residential solar energy system. [Click Here](#)

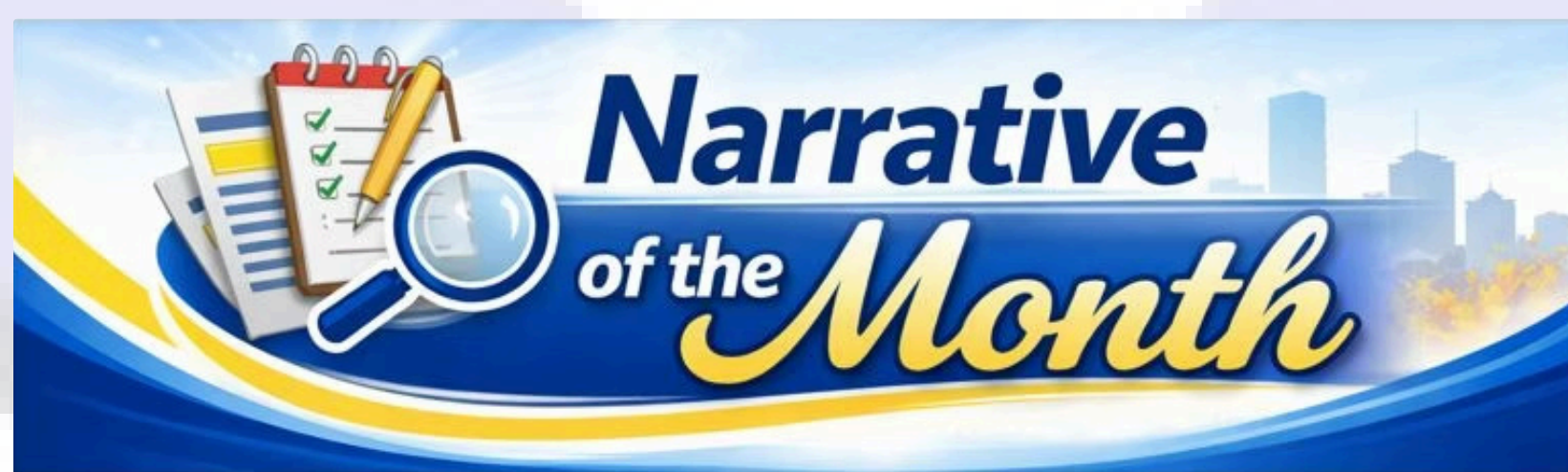
4) Gable and roof-mounted attic fan motors — fire hazard

The biggest recent roof/attic-related recall is for **electric motors used in gable-mounted and roof-mounted attic fans** distributed by **Air Vent Inc.** CPSC says the recalled motors were sold from **August 2003 through December 2013** and may pose a **short-circuit/fire hazard**. The recall involves about **2.9 million motors**. [Click Here](#)

Report disclaimer you can use

Recall Limitation:

Determining whether roofing materials, attic ventilation equipment, solar shingles, or related components are subject to a manufacturer recall, class-action settlement, or warranty claim is beyond the scope of a standard home inspection. Clients are encouraged to check product model numbers, manufacturer information, installation documents, and CPSC recall notices when concerns exist.



HOME INSPECTION NARRATIVE: Improper Light Fixture

Observation:

Corrugated stainless steel tubing, commonly referred to as CSST, was observed at the property. The CSST did not appear to be properly bonded, or the bonding connection could not be verified at the time of inspection.

Implication:

Improper or missing bonding of CSST may increase the risk of damage to the gas piping system from electrical surges or lightning-related energy. This condition may create a potential gas leak, fire, or explosion hazard.

Recommendation:

Recommendation and correction by a licensed electrician and/or qualified plumbing/HVAC contractor familiar with CSST bonding requirements. Proper bonding should be verified and completed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions and applicable code requirements.

Limitation of Inspection:

Confirmation of proper CSST bonding may require access to concealed piping, electrical grounding components, manufacturer specifications, and installation records. Determining full compliance with bonding requirements is beyond the scope of a visual home inspection.

FROM THE DESK OF STAN BAJERSKI

The State of Home Inspections Today

The home inspection industry continues to be shaped by buyer-protection laws, changing housing-market conditions, expanded due diligence services, and renewed attention to safety-related defects and recalls. As more states look at inspection-waiver practices and buyers face high home prices, the value of a thorough, well-documented inspection remains clear.

by **Cornerstone Home Inspector Education Center**