

NEC 70 base language as contained in 527 CMR 12.00

UNDERLINED SECTIONS ARE PROPOSED MA AMENDMENTS

**230.85 Emergency Disconnects.** For one- and two-family dwelling units, all service conductors shall terminate in disconnecting means having a short-circuit current rating equal to or greater than the available fault current, installed in a readily accessible outdoor location. If more than one disconnect is provided, they shall be grouped. Each disconnect shall be one of the following:

- (1) Service disconnects marked as follows:  
EMERGENCY DISCONNECT  
SERVICE DISCONNECT
- (2) Meter disconnects installed per 230.82(3) and marked as follows:  
EMERGENCY DISCONNECT  
METER DISCONNECT  
NOT SERVICE EQUIPMENT
- (3) Other listed disconnect switches or circuit breakers on the supply side of each service disconnect that are suitable for use as service equipment and marked as follows:  
EMERGENCY DISCONNECT  
NOT SERVICE EQUIPMENT

*Exception to (1), (2), and (3): A building supplied by a service lateral or by underground service conductors shall be permitted to be capable of disconnection from a readily accessible location outside of the dwelling by using a method providing remote control of the service disconnecting means, and marked: EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL DISCONNECT and NOT SERVICE EQUIPMENT.*

Markings shall comply with 110.21(B). This section shall only apply to the following:

- (1) New one- and two-family dwellings, or new buildings of double occupancy, at least one of which is a dwelling unit.
- (2) Two-family dwellings or buildings of double occupancy at least one of which is a dwelling unit, and newly created by subdivision of an existing one-family dwelling.
- (3) One- and two-family dwellings where the service(s) is (are) entirely replaced.
- (4) One- and two-family dwellings where the service(s) is (are) increased in capacity in terms of its (their) rating in amperes.