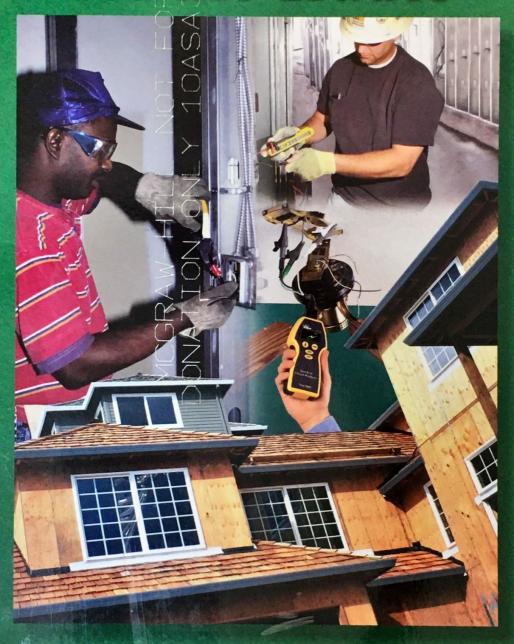
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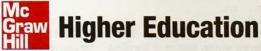


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## **Preface**

#### **Overview**

Residential Wiring for the Trades is a practical guide for wiring homes according to National Electrical Code® rules. It covers Code requirements and actual construction practices for installing electrical systems in new one- and two-family dwellings.

This book contains explanations of many technical requirements in the NEC®, and the safety-based intent behind them, to give students a fuller and more comprehensive understanding of the Code.

Residential Wiring for the Trades combines in-depth instruction about 2005 NEC rules with detailed, hands-on, information about real life residential wiring practices. It is a textbook for electrician apprenticeship programs, vocational-technical schools, inspector training, and other educational, training, and certification programs.

#### **Features**

Clear text and more than 200 color illustrations provide a thorough understanding of the residential wiring requirements of the 2005 *National Electrical Code*. Students learn how to design and install residential electrical systems in one- and two-family dwellings, in accordance with all applicable *Code* rules. Important features include:

- General principles that guide the development of NEC requirements
- · Design of residential electrical systems, including load calculations
- Specific Code rules that apply to different rooms and areas of dwellings
- · Wiring methods used in residential construction
- NEC rules that apply specifically to two-family dwellings
- Important NEC terms are listed at the beginning of each chapter
- Official NEC definitions that apply to electrical systems in dwellings are extracted from Article 100 of the NEC and listed at the end of the book
- Detailed coverage of safety begins in Chapter 1 and is stressed throughout the book
- Chapter 17, Old Work, covers the important topic of additions and modifications to existing residential wiring systems
- Chapter Review sections test student knowledge with an array of multiple choice, true or false, and fill in the blank questions
- Challenge Questions at the end of each unit provide critical thinking situations for students to analyze

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