

GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) protection is required in specific areas of a home where the risk of electrical shock is higher. These locations include:

- Basements (including unfinished areas not intended for habitable rooms)
- Bathrooms
- Boathouses (including boat hoist outlets not exceeding 240 volts)
- Crawlspaces at or below grade level
- Kitchen countertops and dishwasher outlets
- Laundry rooms
- All areas with sinks
- Garages
- Outdoors
- Bathtubs
- Indoor damp and wet locations

Does GFCI still work on an ungrounded receptacle outlet?

Yes, a GFCI at an ungrounded receptacle will still trip under a ground fault, and it will protect any other receptacles downstream in the circuit. The test button will also work to verify that the GFCI is functioning properly, but the receptacle should be marked with one of the small "NO EQUIPMENT GROUND" stickers that come in the box with the GFCI receptacle. Also, a GFCI breaker in the panel will also protect any ungrounded receptacles on its circuit.