

Don't Put Yourself at Risk

of Electrical Shock or Fire



Considering hiring someone to do electrical work in your house?

Protect yourself, your family and your property by hiring a Licensed Electrical Contractor.

Licensed Electrical Contractors (LECs) are the only businesses in Ontario legally authorized to do electrical work in your home. No matter how small the job, when you hire someone to do electrical work in your home, not only do they have to use qualified licenced electricians, they must also be a LEC. And if you're using a general contractor or other trade professional who subcontracts the electrical, the work always needs to be completed by a Licensed Electrical Contractor.

All Licensed Electrical Contractors:

- ✓ possess liability insurance
- ✓ are qualified to perform the type of electrical work you require
- ✓ have Workplace Safety and Insurance Board coverage
- ✓ will, where required, obtain a Certificate of Acceptance
- ✓ will arrange for electrical permits to ensure the work is done properly and safely

Why should I hire an LEC?



Trained and Regulated

LECs are licensed and regulated professional business in Ontario. In order to obtain and maintain their licence, LECs must hire qualified electricians, and undergo extensive training, education and examination. As well, they must ensure electrical work is carried out in accordance with the Electrical Safety Code, and the laws relating to health and safety and consumer protection.



It's the Safest Decision

Electrical work is dangerous and always best left to the professional who is legally authorized to do the job and has the expertise, equipment and training to do the job right and safely. You may know someone who can do the work cheap, but consider the real cost if something went wrong. Hiring the wrong person can result in additional expenses, major property damage, or even loss of life. Is it worth it to potentially save a few dollars?

How can I find or verify an LEC?

How do I tell the difference between someone who is a qualified electrician versus a Licensed Electrical Contractor?

Always ask for their "Licensed Electrical Contractor" licence number issued by ECRA/ESA. It should be on their business card, estimate and their vehicle. Also, make sure to get an ESA Certificate of Acceptance when the electrical work is complete, for your records.

What do I do if I suspect someone is working without a licence?

You can verify and/or find a LEC in Ontario using ESA's contractor locator tool at esasafe.com.

To anonymously report unlicensed individuals performing electrical work visit esasafe.com, and click on "Report Unlicensed Activity" to fill out the fields online to submit a report.

You can also call ESA at 1-877-372-7233 with any questions or concerns.



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