

If your project involves new electrical wiring or devices or repairing/replacing old ones, follow the law and do it safely.



## Building Permits versus Electrical Notifications: Here's what you need to know



### DID YOU KNOW?

Having a building permit isn't the same as filing an electrical notification. You may need both.

General contractors or qualified electricians are not permitted to perform electrical work unless they themselves are a Licensed Electrical Contractor (LEC) or are employed by an LEC.

It's the law in Ontario that almost all electrical work must be done by an LEC.  
You can verify or find an LEC in your area at [ESAsafe.com](http://ESAsafe.com)

#### Who is the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA)?

ESA monitors and enforces compliance with the Ontario Electrical Safety Code and licensing of electrical contractors. Your municipality monitors and enforces compliance with the Ontario Building Code. These are distinct and separate processes.

#### File a notification of work with ESA.

Most electrical work needs to be reported to ESA by filing a notification of work (permit) before the electrical work starts. This also creates a permanent record of the electrical work.

#### Request an Inspection.

An inspection must be requested before the electrical installation is concealed.

The process may vary depending on the project and scope of work.

#### Receive Your Certificate of Acceptance.

This is an important document for resale, insurance and peace of mind. Only ESA can issue a Certificate of Acceptance for electrical work in Ontario. The certificate is issued to the notification holder once the review process is complete.

**Electrical work is dangerous and can put people and property at risk.  
Leave your electrical work to an LEC, who has the expertise, equipment and training to do the job safely. Hiring the wrong person can result in major property damage, or even loss of life.**

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