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**Safety Alert For Immediate Release**

**The Electrical Safety Authority Warns The Public To Check Electrical Products For Approval**

**MISSISSAUGA, ON** – The Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) encourages the Ontario public to check electrical products to ensure that they have been tested and bear the mark of a certification agency that is recognized in Ontario.

In the past two years the ESA has responded to a growing presence of unapproved and unsafe electrical products in the Ontario market. Unapproved electrical products do not bear the mark of a recognized certification agency, and have not been tested to ensure that they comply with the safety standards defined for Ontario. “Unapproved electrical products are considered to be unsafe products since they have not been tested to ensure that they meet the safety standards and requirements defined for Ontario” says Ted Olechna, Provincial Code Engineer, ESA.

The public should look for one of the following marks that have been approved by the Standards Council of Canada and accepted by the Electrical Safety Authority for use in Ontario. To keep yourself and others safe:

- always look for the marking of a recognized approval agency when purchasing electrical products, and
- purchase these products from a well-established retailer.

Recognized certification markings as of April 2005 include:



Certification markings can change over time. An up-to-date listing of accepted certification markings can be accessed at [www.esasafe.com](http://www.esasafe.com) under the electrical product approval section.

The Electrical Safety Authority is responsible for public electrical safety in Ontario, and is designated to perform this function by Ontario Regulation 89/99. Visit [www.esasafe.com](http://www.esasafe.com) for more information on electrical product approval requirements, and listings of unsafe products that have been identified.

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