



ELECTRICAL INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

All electrical installations covered by the scope of the Ontario Electrical Safety Code (“OESC”) in the province of Ontario require an application for Inspection (permit) to be filed with the Electrical Safety Authority (“ESA”), whether of a temporary nature or not. This would include all electrical installations connected by other than a standard configuration receptacle to a source of electrical power or energy – including a generator – is an electrical installation which shall be issued a connection authorization by the ESA prior to it being energized, as per Code Rule 2-012. Examples include but are not limited to: hardwire, camlock or pin type connectors (weld plug). All electrical work which includes Section 44-Travelling Shows, and Section 66-Amusement Parks, Midways, Carnivals, Film and TV Sets, TV Remote Broadcasting Locations, and Travelling Shows require an application for Inspection (permit) to be filed when any temporary wiring distribution system is to be set up.

All productions and events shall file an application for inspection with the ESA 48 hours prior to commencement of any electrical activity.

To file an application for inspection (wiring permit) or schedule an inspection,

Please contact our Customer Service Centre at:

Phone: 1-877-372-7233 Fax: 1-800-667-4278

2-012 Connection Authorization

- (1) *Where any electrical installation or part thereof to which electric power or energy has not previously been supplied is made in or upon any land, building or premises, or subject to Subrule (2), where any electrical installation or part thereof has been disconnected or cut off from any service or other source of supply under this Code, no supply authority, contractor, or other person shall connect or re-connect the installation or part thereof to any service or other source of supply unless*
- (a) *the installation and all related work have been inspected in accordance with the procedures in Rule 2-004 by an inspector; and*
 - (b) *a connection authorization has been issued by the inspection department with respect to the installation*

The ESA is responsible for public electrical safety in Ontario as designated by Ontario Regulation 89/99, and for enforcing the *Electricity Act, 1998*, (the "Act") and associated Regulations, including the Ontario Electrical Safety Code (“OESC”), Ontario Regulation 164/99. The ESA operates as a delegated administrative authority (“DAA”) on behalf of the provincial government in accordance with the *Safety and Consumer Statutes Administration Act, 1996*, S.O. 1996, c.19 (the “SCSAA”) and Part VIII, Section 113 of the Act. ESA is given specific powers and authority under statute in order to carry out its mandate, including the authority to inspect and enforce the OESC and prosecution of offenders under the *Provincial Offences Act*, as it pertains to electrical safety in Ontario.

The OESC is law in Ontario, and as such defines the legal requirements for safe electrical installations and electrical products/equipment in Ontario. In accordance with the Act and the requirements of Rule 2-004 of the OESC, any contractor or person doing work on an electrical installation shall arrange for an inspection of this work by the ESA. Any new work, changes, alterations, or improvements to electrical wiring is subject to the inspection process.

The ESA is working to protect the Ontario public from electrical hazards, promote the safe use of electricity and increase public awareness of the dangers of electricity and the requirements of the OESC. Meeting these requirements is a critical first step in the promotion of public electrical safety.

**For more information on the ESA and the requirements of the Act and the OESC,
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