

HAZARD ALERT

Jail Time for Contractor Performing Illegal Electrical Work

Electrical work is hazardous and must only be performed by electrical workers. Hiring an unlicensed contractor might be cheap up front, but could lead into a much larger costs in the end, such as fines and penalties, major property damage, or even loss of life...

An Ontario electrical contractor has been sentenced to jail for illegally performing electrical work. According to the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA), Richard Hazel, operating as Voltcom Electrical Services was recently sentenced to 30 days in jail, placed on 2 years' probation and fined \$6,250. This was not his first offence. The contractor was recently found guilty of 8 charges:

- 4 counts of working without an electrical contractor's licence,
- 1 count of failing to obtain the required inspections,
- 2 counts of producing a false certification of qualification, and
- 1 count of leaving behind unsafe electrical conditions in four homes in Hamilton and Burlington.



Don't Play with Wires! Make Sure You Hire a Licensed Electrician:

- Electrical contractors must be licenced and will generally appear on an approved list of Licenced Electrical Contractors in your area.
- Legitimate contractors will obtain electrical wiring permits and inspections from the local authority.
- Evaluate your electrical contractor to ensure they have:
 - Supervision of apprentices (by a journeyman)
 - Insurance and WSB coverage for all workers
 - Safe work procedures and training for the work being performed

RESOURCES TO HELP:

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1. Create an evaluation form
2. System sends to your sub-trade
3. Review and accept (or reject)

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Always ensure you are hiring professional, reliable and capable electrical contractors to perform work on your job sites. With the right qualifications, training and equipment, the job will be done safely and will meet regulatory requirements.

NOTE: Any reference to any Workplace Safety and Health Act or Regulation is for convenience sake only. The original text must be consulted for all intents and purposes of applying the law. Date of last revision and document confirmed current Dec 30, 2019. If you believe this document is out of date, please contact us.

Electrical Licensing Authorities in Canada

Each province has its specific requirements before licensing individuals. However, an electrician from one province can work in other states as mandated in the Agreement of Internal Trade (AIT). This is an inter-governmental agreement between all Canadian provinces.

If you have specific questions here are the licensing authorities or contacts in each Province:

Alberta - Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta
<http://www.ecaa.ab.ca/>

British Columbia - British Columbia Safety Authority
<http://www.safetyauthority.ca/>

Manitoba - Manitoba Labour and Immigration (Mechanical and Engineering Branch)
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/labour/safety/me/electric.html>

New Brunswick - New Brunswick Inspection Services (Department of Public Safety)
http://www.gnb.ca/0276/safety/english/elect_e.asp

Newfoundland and Labrador - Service NL
<http://www.servicnl.gov.nl.ca/licenses/electrical/>

Nova Scotia - Department of Labour and Workforce Development, Nova Scotia
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/lwd/publicsafety/electricalsafety.asp>

Northwest Territories - Electrical/Mechanical Safety, Government of the Northwest Territories
<http://www.pws.gov.nt.ca/>

Nunavut - Safety Services Community & Government Services of Nunavut
<http://cgs.gov.nu.ca/en/protection-services/safety-services/electrical>

Ontario - Electrical Safety Authority, Licensing Department, Customer Service Centre
<http://www.esaecra.info/>

Prince Edward Island - Planning and Inspection Services, Government of Prince Edward Island
<http://www.gov.pe.ca/>

Quebec - La Corporation des maîtres électriciens du Québec
<http://www.cmeq.org/>

Saskatchewan - Ministry of Government Relations – Gas and Electrical Licensing
<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/work/working-jobs-and-pensions/getting-licenced/electrical-licensing>

Yukon - Department of Building Services, Yukon Government
<http://www.community.gov.yk.ca/buildingsafety/index.html>



RECORD OF HAZARD ALERT

Company Name:	Work Location Dept.:
Talk Given by:	Date / Time:

Results of inspection, demonstration or other activity or suggestions during talk:

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