

Date	July 24, 2024
Name	Khalid Ahmadi
Licensure Status at Time of Incident	Unlicensed
Administrative Action	Administrative Penalty
Location	Toronto
Regulation Description	<p>1. Operated an electrical contracting business without being a holder of an electrical contractor license, contrary to s. 3 of O.Reg. 570/05.</p> <p>Khalid Ahmadi was ordered to pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000.</p>
Description of Contravention	<p>Khalid Ahmadi (“Ahmadi”) operated an electrical contracting business.</p> <p>In early September of 2022, a consumer retained Ahmadi to install exterior pot lights and a chandelier at their residential property in Stittsville, Ontario (“Property”).</p> <p>When Ahmadi attended the Property to perform the electrical work, Ahmadi advised the consumer he worked for a licensed electrical contractor and provided the name of same. Then, and when performing the electrical work, a ladder slipped causing damage to the eavestroughs. In turn it was agreed that \$90 would be deducted from the final invoice for electrical work.</p> <p>After completing the work, the consumer transferred \$1,500 to an email provided by Ahmadi; the consumer later learned, however, that this email tied to Ahmadi’s personal account. The consumer confirmed with the real licensed electrical contractor that his company was not involved with the electrical work at the Property,</p>

	<p>and furthermore that Ahmadi was a former employee without electrical licenses.</p> <p>An ESA inspection later revealed defects in the installation of the pot lights, which had to be corrected at additional cost.</p>
<p>Additional Information</p>	<p>Ahmadi appealed the APO to the Review Panel. Citing how ignorance of the applicable regulatory regime is not a valid defense, the Review Panel rejected the Ahmadi’s defense that he’d been misled by his former employer.</p> <p>Because Ahmadi was not licensed to perform electrical work and failed to comply with the requirements of the Ontario Electrical Safety Code, the Review Panel found that there was a potential for major harm. The Review Panel also found that an administrative penalty must be such that it cannot be observed as a “mere slap on the wrist.” Rather, an administrative penalty should “serve as a clear warning and deterrent to others who might be intent to engage in similar activity.”</p> <p>Due to certain personal circumstances of Ahmadi, the Review Panel reluctantly reduced the administrative penalty order to \$2,000.</p> <p><u>A copy of the Review Panel’s decision may be found here.</u></p>