



2024

Ontario Electrical **SAFETY AWARD** Nomination Form

Recognizing Safety Achievements

In 2010, ESA created the Ontario Electrical Safety Awards to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of others in the safety system to improve electrical safety in the province. The awards recognize exceptional contributions to safety in the areas that present the greatest harm to Ontarians: Powerline Safety, Worker Safety and Consumer and Home Safety.

Thank you for your commitment to electrical safety. Together, we can support ESA's vision for an Ontario where people can live, work and play safe from electrical harm.

★ **Nomination Deadline: June 7, 2024**



SAFETY



ACCOUNTABILITY



LEADERSHIP



COLLABORATION



INTEGRITY AND TRUST

Selection and Eligibility Criteria



Selection Criteria:

To be considered for an Ontario Electrical Safety Award, submissions must:

- Demonstrate a strong commitment to improving electrical safety;
- Have an impact on the state of safety in Ontario.

Ontario Electrical Safety Awards Recognition Benefits:

- Ability to use the award icon for all marketing and promotion. i.e. sample below



- Recognition in Ontario Electrical Safety Awards media release and awards promotional materials.
- Recognition in the following year's awards nomination package.
- Recipients also receive a certificate recognizing their award and an engraved crystal award.

Eligibility:

Any individual or organization that has worked to advance electrical safety in Ontario in one of the three award categories. An organization can include businesses, associations, or government entities.

- A. Businesses regulated by ESA must be in good standing to receive an award; specifically:
 - i. Local Distribution Companies (LDCs): must have an acceptable compliance record noted in its most recent LDC audit report submitted to ESA as well as no documented non-compliance findings from their most recent annual Due Diligence Inspections.
 - ii. Licensed Electrical Contractors (LECs): must have no documented licensing infractions or convictions in the previous 24-month period.
 - iii. Master Electricians: must have no documented licensing infractions or convictions in the previous 24-month period.

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B. Nominated individuals/organizations do not have **to be residents of Ontario but their efforts must have provided material electrical safety benefits in Ontario.**

C. Joint nominations for two or more individuals or organizations working in partnership on a common initiative are eligible.

D. Individuals in the following categories are not eligible:

- ESA employees
- Members of ESA's Board of Directors
- Investigators appointed under part VIII of the *Electricity Act, 1998*
- Current members of the ESA Review Panel

E. Nominations may be reviewed for alignment with ESA's corporate values of safety, accountability, leadership, collaboration, integrity and trust.

Nomination Form



Contact Information & Award Category

I am nominating:
(Name of Individual / Organization)

For:
(Name of Project / Initiative / Safety Effort)

Nominee's Contact Information:

Name: Address:
Phone: City:
Email:

My Contact Information:

Name: Address:
Phone: City:
Email:

I am submitting my nomination for the category of:

 **Powerline Safety**  **Worker Safety**  **Consumer and Home Safety**

We recommend you submit your entry to the category that best suits your nomination.

Please note: you may enter more than one category.

If you are unsure as to which category to enter, contact esa.awards@electricalsafety.on.ca and we will be pleased to assist you.

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Describe the project / initiative / safety effort

Consider including why it was it needed; the safety issue it addressed; and who was most impacted – for example, the public, your community or the workplace. Responses can be provided in sentence or bullet form. *Additional pages can be submitted separately if required. (Max 1,200 words)*

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Describe the project / initiative / safety effort

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What was the electrical safety impact?

Describe how the project / initiative / safety effort was successful. When possible, please include testimonials, references, customer experiences, videos, research, results and/or metrics. Responses can be provided in sentence or bullet form. *Additional pages can be submitted separately if required. (Max 1,200 words)*

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What was the electrical safety impact?

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What makes this initiative stand out?

Tell us why this nomination should be considered for an Ontario Electrical Safety Award. Responses can be provided in sentence or bullet form. *Additional pages can be submitted separately if required. (Max 1,200 words)*

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Please submit your completed nomination form along with any supporting materials (e.g. videos, images, references, testimonials and communication materials) to: ESA.awards@electricalsafety.on.ca

A committee will review submissions based on nominations and supporting references. Award recipients will be notified in advance of the Ontario Electrical Safety Awards presentation which will be held on Sept. 19, 2024. Thank you for your nomination!

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Join the Winner's Circle.

Previous Ontario Electrical Safety Award Recipients



Powerline Safety

2023

Powerline Safety: Roxborough Bus Lines – Roxborough Bus Lines is being recognized for taking a significant step towards ensuring the safety of schoolchildren and its drivers by having specialized training on the dangers of downed powerlines for its school bus drivers after a near miss incident with a downed powerline. The company has trained over 500 drivers to understand the risks associated with downed powerlines and how to protect both the students on board and themselves in such scenarios.

2022

Powerline Safety: Infrastructure Health & Safety Association Working Group – Overhead Powerline Safety & Equipment Guideline – Recognized for the collaborative working group of electrical industry safety experts who created a guideline to help address safety concerns associated with outdoor trades working near or under 750v powerlines and related equipment. The guideline targets non-electrical workers including roofers, painters, carpenters and other trades that work outdoors near these powerlines. The objective of providing non-electrical workers with this guideline was to help eliminate or reduce the potential for accidental powerline contact and near misses. The working group is to be commended on finding a unique solution to reach non-electrical sectors with important electrical safety information. the utility sector.

2021

Powerline Safety: Darren Desrosiers – is recognized for his dedication and commitment to improving powerline safety through his contribution to developing safety standards, processes, and participation on an advisory council dedicated to improving safety in the utility sector.



Worker Safety

2023

2023 Worker Safety: Utilities Kingston – Recognized for their strong commitment to educating workers on electrical safety for both their own employees and contractors working in the Eastern region with their annual two-day Safety Days. The Safety Days provides safety requirements and information for employees of Utilities Kingston and Contractors working for the City of Kingston on underground and overhead utility infrastructure. The annual event features a diverse range of training sessions and informative presentations from guest speakers. The event serves as a platform for disseminating crucial safety knowledge and best practices, fostering a culture of safety excellence within the organization and the broader community.

2022

Worker Safety: Waterloo North Hydro (WNH) – Recognized for their strong commitment to mental health and wellness initiatives including their participation in the Roadmap to Psychological Safety Program. The program uses eight building blocks to advance psychological health and safety in the workplace. WNH was selected as the only utility in Ontario to participate in the study. In addition to undertaking the Roadmap to Psychological Safety in the Workplace Program, and expanding the utility's existing Employee Wellness Program, WNH also supports other mental health initiatives by encouraging employees to share mental health awareness messages on notice boards, and encourages openness support to employees who are struggling with their mental health. Congratulations to WNH on their strong efforts to support mental health initiatives for their employees.

2021

Worker Safety: Hydro One Networks Inc. – is recognized for a unique, grassroots led employee initiative through the creation of the new Safety Improvement Team to improve worker safety and employee input into corporate workplace safety initiatives.



Consumer and Home Safety

2023

Consumer and Home Safety: Innovation Electric Inc – Innovation Electric Inc was honoured for their contribution to educating children and their dedication to bridging language barriers and ensuring electrical safety information is accessible to all. Innovation Electric Inc launched a colouring contest for children to participate in with their families in their own language. Through this initiative, Innovation Electric Inc not only empowered children but also their families and communities to make informed decisions regarding electrical safety. By engaging with children in a language that they and their parents understand contributes to safer homes, schools and neighbourhoods.

2022

Consumer and Home Safety: Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. – Recognized for the kid's safety poster contest during the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal of the contest was to teach kids about the dangers of electricity as well as educating homeowners on how to stay safe around their homes and avoid the dangers of electricity. The kid's safety poster contest acted as a tool to reach students and remind them in a clever and fun way to stay safe around electricity. NPEI was also able to share their safety messages with school-age children during the pandemic by converting their in-person safety presentations to on-line versions. Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc is to be celebrated for creating alternative ways to extend the reach of electrical safety messages during a very challenging time with limited access to target audiences.

2021

Consumer and Home Safety: Kijiji Canada – is recognized for its partnership with ESA that helps educate consumers on the risks of hiring unlicensed contractors. Kijiji has worked in partnership with ESA to educate consumers on the risks of hiring unlicensed contractors and helped reduce the number of unlicensed contractors advertising electrical services without a licence online.