



2025

16th Annual Ontario Electrical **SAFETY AWARD**

Nomination Form

Recognizing Leaders in Electrical Safety

It is hard to believe that the Ontario Electrical Safety Awards are turning 16 years old this year! Since 2010, ESA has been recognizing leadership and achievements in 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 taking the time to submit a nomination for the Ontario Electrical Safety Awards. By doing so, you are already demonstrating your commitment to electrical safety. At ESA, we know we cannot realize our vision of an Ontario where people can live, work and play safe from electrical harm on our own. We rely on and celebrate the contributions of our many safety partners and stakeholders.

We also know that it takes just one individual or organization to make a difference.

★ **Nomination Deadline: June 2, 2025 at 5 p.m.** ★



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; and
- Have an impact on the state of safety in Ontario.

Ontario Electrical Safety Awards Recognition Benefits:

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|  <p>Gain industry and government recognition as a leader in electrical safety in the province.</p> |  <p>Receive recognition in the Ontario Electrical Safety Awards media release and promotional materials.</p> |
|  <p>Empower employees and staff to champion a company's safety values and culture.</p> |  <p>Promote your status as an award winner in next year's Ontario Electrical Safety Awards nomination package.</p> |
|  <p>Demonstrate proven safety leadership to current and prospective customers.</p> |  <p>Showcase a certificate and engraved crystal award celebrating your accomplishment.</p> |
|  <p>Increase brand awareness as a safety leader through the use of a customized winner e-logo (sample below).</p> | |



Selection and Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility

Any individual or organization that has worked to advance electrical safety in Ontario in one of the three award categories (Powerline Safety, Worker Safety and Consumer and Home Safety) can be nominated for an Ontario Electrical Safety Award.

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.
- B. Nominated individuals and/or organizations do not have **to be residents of Ontario but their efforts must have provided material electrical safety benefits in the province.**
- 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 Ontario Electrical Safety Awards Advisory Committee
- 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 and/or Organization)

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

Nominee's Contact Information:

Name: Address:
Phone: City:
Email:

Nominator's Contact Information:

Name: Address:
Phone: City:
Email:

The Nominee is Being Entered for the Following Award Category:

-  **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 can enter a nominee in more than one category.

If you are unsure as to which category to enter, please contact ESA.Awards@electricalsafety.on.ca and we will be happy to assist you.

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Please provide a description of the nominee's 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 and/or supporting materials can be submitted separately if required by email (ESA.Awards@electricalsafety.on.ca).

Note: The maximum length for answers in this form field is 1,200 words.

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Please provide a description of the nominee's project / initiative / safety effort (continued):

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Please provide a description of the electrical safety impact of the nominee's project / initiative / safety effort.

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.

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Please provide a description of the electrical safety impact of the nominee's project / initiative / safety effort (continued).

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Please tell us why the project / initiative / safety effort of the nominee stands 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 and/or supporting materials can be submitted separately if required by email (ESA.Awards@electricalsafety.on.ca).

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Please tell us why the project / initiative / safety effort of the nominee stands out (continued).

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



The Ontario Electrical Safety Award Advisory Committee will review all nomination materials and score candidates.



Award recipients will be notified in advance of the Ontario Electrical Safety Awards presentation which will be held on September 17th, 2025.

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Thank you for your nomination!

Join the Winner's Circle

Previous Ontario Electrical Safety Award Recipients

Powerline Safety



2024

Bluewater Power, Hydro One & London Hydro

Bluewater Power, Hydro One and London Hydro were recognized for successfully transporting enormous beer tanks, each over 33 metres long and 6.62 metres wide, from Sarnia Harbour to the Labatt Brewery in London, Ontario. This large-scale project employed best practices in safely hoisting, cutting and reconnecting powerlines, minimizing power disruptions along the route and keeping the public in affected areas well-informed through letters and auto-dialer messages.

2023

Roxborough Bus Lines

Roxborough Bus Lines was 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 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

Infrastructure Health & Safety Association Working Group

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 targeted non-electrical workers, including roofers, painters, carpenters and other trades that worked 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.

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Previous Ontario Electrical Safety Award Recipients

Worker Safety



2024

PUC Services Inc.

PUC Services Inc. was recognized for its commitment to educating distracted drivers about the importance of staying cautious near road work zones to ensure the safety of road workers. Through their Road Safety Video campaign, PUC Services Inc. featured testimonials from actual road workers, highlighting real-life dangers and the need for driver attentiveness. The campaign also featured messages from the City of Sault Ste. Marie, the local Construction Association, Fire Service, Paramedic Service and Police Service.

2023

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 provided 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 featured a diverse range of training sessions and informative presentations from guest speakers. The event served 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

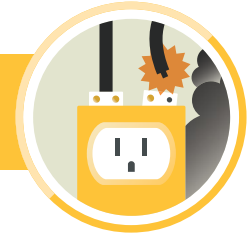
Waterloo North Hydro (WNH)

Recognized for their strong commitment to mental health and wellness initiatives, including their participation in the Roadmap to Psychological Safety Program. The program used 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 supported other mental health initiatives by encouraging employees to share mental health awareness messages on notice boards and by encouraging openness and support for employees struggling with their mental health.

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Consumer and Home Safety



2024

Elexicon Energy

Elexicon Energy was recognized for its contributions to the Children's Safety Village in Belleville and the Kids Safety Village of Durham Region. Understanding that children learn best through discussion and play, Elexicon Energy empowered children to explore electrical equipment in a safe environment, learn about powerline and home electrical safety, and gain the knowledge needed to avoid unsafe situations in the real world.

2023

Innovation Electric Inc.

Innovation Electric Inc. was honoured for their contributions 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. Communicating with children and their families in their preferred language contributes to safer homes, schools and neighborhoods.

2022

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 online versions. NPEI was celebrated for creating alternative ways to extend the reach of electrical safety messages during a very challenging time with limited access to target audiences.