



SAFETY



ACCOUNTABLE



PEOPLE FOCUSED



INCLUSIVE



COURAGE AND
INTEGRITY



ADAPTIVE

2026

17th Annual Ontario Electrical **SAFETY AWARD**

Nomination Form

Recognizing Leaders in Electrical Safety

Since 2010, ESA has been celebrating leadership and achievements in electrical safety in Ontario. The awards recognize exceptional contributions to safety in the areas that present the greatest harm to Ontarians: **Powerline Safety, Worker Safety**, as well as **Consumer and Home Safety**.

Thank you for submitting a nomination. 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.

One person or organization can make a powerful difference.

★ Nomination Deadline: **May 4, 2026 at 5 p.m.** ★

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
- Show measurable impact on advancing safety in Ontario.

Ontario Electrical Safety Awards Recognition Benefits:



Gain industry and government recognition as a leader in electrical safety in the province.



Receive recognition in the Ontario Electrical Safety Awards media release and promotional materials.



Empower employees and staff to champion a company's safety values and culture.



Promote your status as an award winner in next year's Ontario Electrical Safety Awards nomination package.



Demonstrate proven safety leadership to current and prospective customers.



Showcase a certificate and engraved crystal award celebrating your accomplishment.



Increase brand awareness as a safety leader through the use of a customized winner e-logo (sample below).



Selection and Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility

Individuals or organizations advancing electrical safety in Ontario in one or more of the following categories are eligible for nomination:



Powerline Safety: Entrants in this category should highlight initiative(s) focused on the prevention of electrical injuries and fatalities due to powerline contacts.



Worker Safety: Entrants in this category should highlight initiative(s) focused on the prevention of serious electrical injuries and electrocutions on the job.



Consumer and Home Safety: Entrants in this category should highlight initiative(s) focused on the prevention of electrical injuries and fatalities at home and in the community.

Eligible organizations include businesses, associations or government entities.

Specific Eligibility Requirements

A. Eligibility for ESA-Regulated Businesses

Businesses regulated by ESA must be in good standing to receive an award; specifically:

- **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.
- **Licensed Electrical Contractors (LECs)** must have no documented licensing infractions or convictions in the previous 24-month period.
- **Master Electricians** must have no documented licensing infractions or convictions in the previous 24-month period.

B. Eligibility for Individuals and Other Organizations

Nominees do not have to be residents of Ontario, but their efforts must have provided material electrical safety benefits in the province.

C. Joint Nominations

Collaborative nominations for two or more individuals or organizations working on a common initiative are welcome.

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D. Not Eligible

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. Alignment with ESA Values

Nominations may be reviewed for alignment with ESA's corporate values: safety, accountable, people focused, inclusive, courage and integrity and adaptive.

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

Together, we can protect Ontarians from electrical harm.

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1. Nomination Details

I am nominating:

Name of Individual and/or Organization

For:

[Name of Project / Initiative / Safety Effort]

Tell us who you're nominating and what initiative or project you're recognizing. This helps ensure proper acknowledgement on award and event materials.

2. Contact Information

Nominee's Contact Information

Please provide the best contact details for the nominee or main project contact.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

City:

Email:

Nominator's Contact Information

That's you! Include your details so we can reach you with any follow-up questions.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

City:

Email:

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3. Award Category

Select the category(ies) that best fit your nomination:



Powerline
Safety



Worker
Safety



Consumer and
Home Safety

If you're unsure which category fits best, select your top choice and ESA will ensure it's reviewed under the most appropriate category.

4. Nomination Details

Tell us about the project, initiative or safety effort:

What was the goal? Why was it needed? Who was impacted — workers, customers or the public? You may use bullet points or short paragraphs. *Maximum 1,200 words.*

Have Supporting Materials?

Email photos, reports or testimonials to:
ESA.Awards@electricalsafety.on.ca.

Please include the nominee's name in
your subject line.

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Describe the impact on electrical safety:

How did the initiative make a measurable difference? Include results, feedback or examples that show its success — such as reduced incidents, improved awareness or innovations adopted across the sector.

Metrics, testimonials or short case studies help bring results to life.

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Why does this nominee deserve to win?

Share what makes this initiative exceptional or unique, including leadership, collaboration, innovation or long-term safety impact.
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Submission & Key Dates



Submit your completed nomination form and any supporting materials (e.g., videos, images, testimonials and campaign documentation) to:
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The Ontario Electrical Safety Awards Advisory Committee will review all nomination materials and score candidates.



Award recipients will be notified in advance of the Ontario Electrical Safety Awards presentation on September 16, 2026.

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Thank you for your nomination!

Join the Winners' Circle

Previous Ontario Electrical Safety Award Recipients

Powerline Safety



2025 Winner:

Chris Connelly of Aecon Utilities

Recognized for his transformative impact on safety practices at Aecon Utilities, Chris Connelly led the development of a comprehensive, competency-based training and qualification program for powerline technicians. Additionally, Chris overhauled Job Hazard Assessments to ensure they reflected real field conditions and evolving client standards. Chris's efforts resulted in a measurable increase in worker confidence and field preparedness. Notably, there was a 40% reduction in near-miss safety incidents and zero recordable injuries tied to tasks covered by revised assessments.

2024

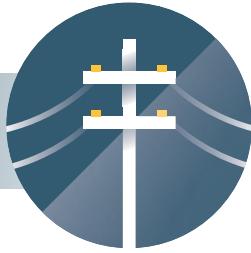
Bluewater Power, Hydro One & London Hydro

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 largescale 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

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 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.



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Previous Ontario Electrical Safety Award Recipients

Worker Safety



2025 Winner:

Oneida Energy Storage

Honoured for its exceptional worksite safety performance in delivering Canada's largest operational energy storage facility. Five project partners — Northland Power, Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation, Aecon, NRStor and Mississaugas of the Credit Business Corporation — collaborated to build a safety culture that put workers first, supported by a joint monitoring framework, extensive workforce training and over 550 safety inspections. At the height of construction, hundreds of people were working on the project, logging nearly 300,000 hours without a single lost-time injury.



2024

PUC Services Inc.

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 to 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.

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Consumer and Home Safety

**2024**

Elexicon Energy

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.

2025 Winner:

London Hydro

Spotlighted for building lifelong safety habits for young Ontarians through their School Electricity Safety program. Running for over 30 years, the program delivers interactive, age-appropriate learning for students in grades 3 to 8 across the London region. In 2025, the program reached over 6,235 students across 33 schools. By constantly evolving the subject matter to reflect the safety needs of today's youth, the program serves as a model for long-term investment in community education.

2023

Innovation Electric Inc.

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.