

<b>Date</b>	December 12, 2024
<b>Name</b>	Casa Bauza Inc.
<b>Licensure Status at Time of Incident</b>	Unlicensed
<b>Administrative Action</b>	Conviction after Plea
<b>Location</b>	Toronto
<b>Regulation Description</b>	<p>Casa Bauza Inc.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Interfered with an electrical installation or electrical equipment in the course of alterations or repairs to non-electrical equipment or structures, contrary to Rule 2-032(2) of the 2021 Ontario Electrical Safety Code, which was adopted by reference in O. Reg. 164/99, and did thereby commit an offence contrary to s.113.20(1)(a) of the Electricity Act, 1998</li> </ol>
<b>Description of Contravention</b>	<p>Between June 1, 2023, and August 31, 2023, Casa Bauza Inc. ("<b>Casa Bauza</b>") was hired by the homeowner of a residential property in Toronto as a general contractor to complete a home renovation. The renovation consisted of adding a second floor to the property. An LEC was hired to complete the electrical work as part of the renovation project, but did not get involved until after the second-floor structure had been built.</p> <p>When an inspection of the electrical work took place, it was discovered that the main electrical service panel had been altered during the course of renovations and was no longer safe. The LEC confirmed that it did not perform any work on the electrical service panel.</p>



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## Administrative Action Summary

	<p>It was later discovered that Casa Bauza had shut off the main electrical panel to the property before renovations took place and did not contact the utility before doing so. The second-floor structure was built in close proximity to live service and utility lines, and a wall was in contact with a live electrical line.</p>
<b>Additional Information</b>	<p>After a plea, a joint position was put forth and accepted by the court. Casa Bauza received a \$7500 fine, and no previous record was alleged. The fine was ordered to be paid within 6 months.</p>