## **Safely Connected** Electrical Vehicle Charging Systems at Home



If you have an electric vehicle (EV) or are thinking to buy one, learn what's required to safely charge your vehicle at home.



Hire a Licensed Electrical Contractor

- In Ontario, if you're hiring someone to do electrical work in your home, by law, it must be a Licensed Electrical Contractor. You can find one at findacontractor.esasafe.com.
- If a Local Distribution Company or its affiliate doing the installation, it must hold an ECRA/ESA electrical contracting licence.
- A Licensed Electrical Contractor will also file a notification of work to ESA for the installation, and will provide you with a Certificate of Acceptance once the work has been completed. Ask for a copy for your records.



File a Notification of Work with ESA

- You must file a notification of work with ESA before starting the installation. The person doing the installation must file the notification of work.
- Installations must meet the Ontario Electrical Safety Code. In particular, Section 86 – Electrical Vehicles Charging Systems.
- ESA issues a Certificate of Acceptance once the installation meets the Ontario Electrical Safety Code. If you hire a Licensed Electrical Contractor, ask them for a copy.



- An EV charging system must carry the official mark or label of a recognized certification or evaluation agency.
- Before an electrical product or piece of electrical equipment is used, sold, displayed or advertised for sale in Ontario, it needs to be approved by an

## Look for an Approval Mark

accredited certification or evaluation agency. This indicates that the product has been independently assessed for safety.

Check out all the recognized approval marks at esasafe.com/approvalmarks

## More Safety Tips

- Ensure you are using a dedicated circuit to charge your EV.
- You may need an electrical service upgrade to accommodate the charging system.
- If the installation is outside, make sure to only use charging systems rated for outdoor use.
- Keep the charging cable off the floor to avoid tripping hazards and maintain the cord life.



For more information, visit esasafe.com.