

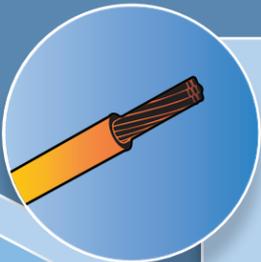
What You Need To Know Before Starting A Reno



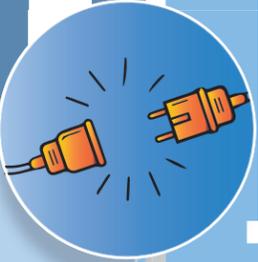
Whether you're renovating a room or your whole house, these are the five things you need to know before starting a reno.



HIRE AN EXPERT Much like hiring a general contractor, when you are looking to hire an electrical contractor you need to do your homework, and that includes asking for their ECRA/ESA licence number. Your general contractor or handyman cannot legally perform electrical work.



ELECTRICAL WORK NEEDS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ONTARIO ELECTRICAL SAFETY CODE Whomever applied for the notification and completed the electrical work should be able to provide you with an ESA Certificate noting that the work has met these requirements.



SPEND TIME PLANNING YOUR ELECTRICAL LAYOUT During renovation planning, a lot of attention is usually focused on the layout of the home and the interior design but planning for electrical components is just as important. By working with a Licensed Electrical Contractor, they can help you determine the best lighting for your space so that you won't have to make electrical layout changes after completion, which will help you keep your budget in check.



ALWAYS MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATION Remember, whenever you are having electrical work done on your home, the person performing the work, whether yourself or a Licensed Electrical Contractor, must obtain a notification (permit) from the Electrical Safety Authority.



USE YOUR DIY SKILLS FOR THE FINISHES Stay away from DIY electrical work, use your creativity for finishes and décor instead. If electrical work is done improperly, it can be very dangerous putting you and your family at risk.