

Raising of Buildings

General

This bulletin provides Electrical Distributors of the requirements when raising a building. Since the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) has seen an increase in the number of buildings such as cottages raised with the service remaining energized, Flash Notice #22-39-FL was created to inform the industry of potential shock and fire hazards.

<https://esasafe.com/electrical-products/flash-notices/>

The raising of buildings will require a Connection Authorization by ESA and does not fall under the exemption in Bulletin DB-05-16-v3.

Direction

In the event the customer/contractor informs the Electrical Distributor they will be raising a building or if the Electrical Distributor was not notified and sees a building being raised, the electrical service shall be disconnected at the point of connection to the Electrical Distributor's system including removing the service conductor.

LDC's that do not disconnect the service at the point of connection is in violation of Ont. Reg. 22/04 Section 4(2) which states the following:

All distribution systems and the electrical installations and electrical equipment forming part of such systems shall be designed, constructed, installed, protected, used, maintained, repaired, extended, connected and disconnected so as to reduce the probability of exposure to electrical safety hazards.

ESA Recommendation

- Inform staff of the requirements of the Distributor Bulletin.