

The Ontario Electrical Safety Code (Ontario Regulation 10/02) is the provincial regulation that defines the minimum requirements for electrical installations and electrical products in Ontario. The Electrical Safety Authority is responsible for enforcement of the Ontario Electrical Safety Code.

Rule 2-022 of the Ontario Electrical Safety Code requires that any electrical equipment that is being displayed, offered for sale, or used in any show/convention/or similar exhibition SHALL BE APPROVED. At Trade or Consumer shows, unapproved electrical equipment will only be permitted to be displayed (not energized) when the Electrical Safety Authority gives permission through the Permission to Show.

Failure to comply with the Ontario Electrical Safety Code could result in charges under the Electricity Act.

Electrical equipment is considered approved if it bears the certification mark or Field Evaluation label of an organization that has been accredited by the Standards Council of Canada to approve electrical equipment. If these markings are missing, the equipment is considered to be unapproved. Approved certification marks or Field Evaluation markings accepted in Ontario are updated regularly. Visit Electrical Safety Authority web site at www.esasafe.com (electrical product section, recognized approval marks) for a current listing.

If the equipment that will be displayed, offered for sale, or used in any show/convention/ or similar exhibition is not approved, Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to submit the Permission to Show/Energize form to Electrical Safety Authority.

Note - Electrical equipment shall be approved as an assembled unit. The exhibitor is expected to make every reasonable effort to have electrical equipment approved prior to the show.

Please direct all questions relating the Electrical Safety Requirements to Electrical Safety Authority at: esa.cambridge@electricalsafety.on.ca or 1 (877) ESA-SAFE (372-7233).



Permission to Show/Energize
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