

**Failure to comply with the Ontario Electrical safety Code and Product Safety Regulation could result in fines and/or charges under the Electricity Act.**

Approved electrical equipment bears the Certification mark or Field Evaluation label of an organization accredited by the Standards Council of Canada and accepted & recognized by ESA. If these marks are missing, the equipment is considered unapproved.

**Note:** The exhibitor/vendor is expected to make every reasonable effort to have electrical equipment approved prior to the show.

Common examples:



For a full list of approval marks, visit: [ESAsafe.com/approvalmarks](https://ESAsafe.com/approvalmarks)



**WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER THE SHOW**

ESA Product Safety Department is responsible for enforcing the Electricity Act, 1998, Ontario Regulation 438/07 (the Regulation) Product Safety pertaining to unapproved products/equipment.

Once Product Safety receives notification of your unapproved product/equipment, they may follow up in writing regarding the status of your unapproved product/equipment and advise you of your mandatory obligation to comply with the Regulation.

**For more information, visit:**

[ESAsafe.com/TradeShows](https://ESAsafe.com/TradeShows)



**EXHIBITING ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AT TRADE SHOWS**

**Know the requirements**

Ensure electrical products and equipment displayed at trade shows meet the safety standards of the Ontario Electrical Safety Code.



## PRIOR TO THE EXHIBIT, SALE OR USE OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT OR PRODUCTS AT TRADE SHOWS IN ONTARIO

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) is responsible for enforcement of the Ontario Electrical Safety Code (Ontario Regulation 10/02) and Ontario Regulation 438/07 – Product Safety.

The Ontario Electrical Safety Code is the provincial regulation that defines the minimum requirements for electrical installations and electrical products in Ontario.

### UNAPPROVED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

Unapproved electrical equipment will only be permitted to be displayed or energized when ESA grants permission through the Permission to Show or Permission to Energize Notification.

Your completed notification must be prominently displayed at the show, or ready to present to an ESA inspector upon request.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO BEFORE THE SHOW

For unapproved electrical products: In advance of a Trade Show, the exhibitor/vendor shall apply for either:

- (A) Permission to Show Notification, or
- (B) Permission to Energize Notification

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1-877—372-7233 or visit  
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### PERMISSION TO SHOW NOTIFICATION

To display but not connect or provide electricity to the equipment.

There is a fee and exhibitors/vendors will be provided with a sales receipt that must be made available to ESA inspectors at the trade show site at all times.

Important: Permission to Show does not grant permission for the connection or energization of unapproved electrical equipment.

### PERMISSION TO ENERGIZE NOTIFICATION

To connect and energize unapproved electrical equipment. Permission to Energize is available for Trade Shows only, not Consumer shows.

The following conditions are applied:

- 1 If no imminent hazards are present, ESA will grant permission for the equipment to be energized.
- 2 The Electrical Safety Authority will attach a sign/notice to the equipment which prominently shows "This equipment is not approved for sale in Ontario" and "Energized for demonstration purposes only."
- 3 Permission to Energize is only valid for the duration of the trade show. It cannot be carried forward or extended to subsequent shows in other cities.