

Dear Licensed Electrical Contractor,

As Electric Vehicles (EVs) grow in popularity, and more people choose to install charging stations at their homes, LECs must take proactive steps to ensure compliance and safety of EV charger installations. ESA has seen a recent trend of EV charging systems being installed without filing a notification, and when those installations are inspected, numerous defects have been found which is putting consumers at risk.

ESA is rolling out a public awareness campaign on electric vehicles informing consumers of the requirements to have the work completed by a Licensed Electrical Contractor, to have it inspected and to get a copy of the Certificate of Acceptance. ESA wants to ensure that both consumers and LECs are aware of their obligations.

As an LEC, when installing an EV charger, you must comply with all the requirements of the Ontario Electrical Safety Code. We all have a common interest, and that is to ensure that EV Chargers are installed correctly and at **no risk** to the consumer. If you are installing these systems please ensure you are filing a notification with ESA. ESA will continue to monitor the notifications obtained for EV charging stations, and will follow the appropriate steps as per our complaints and enforcement processes.

Electrical safety in Ontario is a shared goal and we count on you for your cooperation and leadership in ensuring all electrical installations, including EV Chargers are done in compliance with the Code. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via email: esa.compliance@esasafe.com; if you would like to report an instance of non-compliant electrical installation, please email or use the online reporting tool at <https://esasafe.com/contractors/report-non-compliance/>.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Electrical Safety Authority