



Preparing for an ElecCheck™

Thank you for scheduling an ElecCheck with the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA). In 2015, more than 450 Ontario house fires were caused by faulty or deteriorated electrical systems. An ElecCheck inspection can help keep you and your family safe!

ElecCheck is a visual inspection of your home's electrical wiring and/or devices that the inspector can access at the time of the inspection. The inspector will confirm if there are any electrical issues that need to be repaired.

An ESA inspector will be at your property on the scheduled date to conduct the inspection. Please review the following information to help you prepare for our visit.

Before your ElecCheck

Your ElecCheck entitles you to **one** inspection visit and may take from 60-90 minutes to complete depending on the size of your home and how easily the inspector can access your electrical system. Please take the following steps to help ensure an efficient and thorough inspection.

1. **Electrical panel.** Move any appliances, shelving or items stored in front of the electrical panel so that our inspector can easily open it to inspect the wiring and other components.
2. **Outlets and switches.** Move furniture and storage shelving a few feet away from the walls so our inspector can have easy access to these devices in all rooms (including storage closets where possible).

During an ElecCheck

- The inspector will turn the power off to your home during the inspection so that your electrical system can be safely inspected. They will advise you of how long you can expect your power to be off.
- To identify issues, the inspector will evaluate several areas of your home's electrical system including wiring, receptacles, switches, swimming pools, hot tubs, etc.
- The inspector may remove or open some outlets and switches. Deteriorated equipment may break or fall apart during an inspection. If this happens, the inspector will leave the damaged equipment in a safe condition and you will be responsible for the final repair.

After an ESA ElecCheck

After the ElecCheck inspection you will receive:

1. **An ElecCheck Certificate** (by mail) if no electrical deficiencies were identified during the visual inspection of the accessible wiring and devices; or
2. **An ElecCheck Outstanding Deficiencies Report** (by mail) that outlines what must be repaired or corrected to receive your ElecCheck Certificate.



What do I do if I receive an ElecCheck Outstanding Deficiencies Report?

- If the inspector identifies any electrical deficiencies during the ElecCheck you will receive an ElecCheck Outstanding Deficiencies Report. These electrical issues must be corrected to receive the final ElecCheck Certificate.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Under ElecCheck program requirements, if our review identifies a **serious safety hazard** that presents an imminent threat to the lives of people in the building or loss of the building structure due to fire, we will follow up under our regulatory mandate by issuing you an ESA Hazardous Investigation Defect Notice outlining your obligations regarding the required repairs.
- It is strongly recommended that you hire a Licensed Electrical Contractor (LEC) to make the repairs or corrections. Always ask for a contractor's Electrical Contractor Registration Agency (ECRA)/ESA licence number before you hire them – these are the only businesses legally allowed to do electrical work for hire in Ontario. A directory of more than 8,000 Licensed Electrical Contractors available can be found at <https://findacontractor.esasafe.com>.
- Please note that a separate application for an ESA electrical permit along with the applicable fees is required if you or your Licensed Electrical Contractor undertake any electrical work to repair the deficiencies or serious safety hazards.
- You will receive an ElecCheck Certificate by mail once all electrical deficiencies identified during the ElecCheck inspection have been corrected.

If you have any questions about this process or need to reschedule your appointment, please email esa.cambridge@electricalsafety.on.ca or call 1-877-372-7233 (select option 2).

Further information about ElecCheck can be found at www.eleccheck.ca.

The ElecCheck review is non-exhaustive and is conducted only on the items outlined on the ElecCheck Checklist. ESA does not warrant or guarantee in performing ElecCheck the inspection of all electrical installations and wiring existing on the Property, including, items that are out of view, concealed, located behind walls or otherwise inaccessible, nor the identification of all defects or non-compliances with the Ontario Electrical Safety Code. ESA's total liability is limited to the amount paid for the ElecCheck review and in no event shall ESA be liable for losses or damages, in excess of this limit, whether in contract, tort (including, without limitation, negligence), or any other breach of duty whatsoever, strict liability or any other legal theory of any kind, arising in respect of the ElecCheck review. ESA shall have no liability whatsoever in respect of any damages or injuries that may result, develop, or worsen following the review or for any claims related to any damage or injury as a result of a failure to make any of the recommended electrical upgrades and shall not be liable for any special, indirect, incidental, punitive, exemplary or consequential damages or loss of use of any property. ESA specifically disclaims liability to any third party that may receive a copy of the ElecCheck report and any such use or reliance thereon is at that third party's sole risk.

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