

Electrical Safety Alert:

**FLOODING
CAN CREATE
DANGEROUS
ELECTRICAL
HAZARDS IN
YOUR HOME**

Here's what you should do. ►



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What to do before a flood:

If you are evacuating your home because of an impending flood you should:

- Ensure the main switch on your electrical panel is in the “off” position.
- Move electrical devices away and above the expected water line.

What to do after a flood:

If the water level has risen over any outlet or electrical equipment you could receive a severe shock.

- Do not enter your basement or outbuildings. Electricity can move through water or wet flooring.
- Call your local electric utility to immediately disconnect power. Do not use any electrical equipment that has come into contact with water – you could receive a severe shock or the equipment could cause a fire.
- Never attempt major electrical repairs yourself or hire an unlicensed contractor. This could delay your power from being reconnected, affect insurance claims, and create safety hazards.

When you work with an Licensed Electrical Contractor, they will provide you with a Certificate from the Electrical Safety Authority. Make sure to ask for a copy. This confirms that the electrical work is done correctly and legally.

WATCH OUT FOR DOWNED POWERLINES.

If you see one, stay back at least 10 meters (33 feet or the length of a school bus) and call 911 or your local utility to report it.

For more information and safety tips or to find a Licensed Electrical Contractor near you please visit: esasafe.com or call 1-877-372-7233



ESA is an administrative authority acting on behalf of the Government of Ontario with specific responsibilities under the Electricity Act and the Safety and Consumer Statutes Administration Act. As part of its mandate ESA is responsible for administering regulation of the Ontario Electrical Safety Code, licensing of Electrical Contractors, and Master Electricians, electrical distribution safety, and electrical product safety.