

**SAFETY****ACCOUNTABILITY****LEADERSHIP****COLLABORATION****INTEGRITY AND TRUST**

# 2021 Ontario Electrical Safety Award Nomination Form

## *Recognizing Safety Achievements*

In 2010, ESA created the Ontario Electrical Safety Awards to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of others in the safety system to improve electrical safety in the province. The awards recognize exceptional contributions to safety in the areas that present the greatest harm to Ontarians: Powerline Safety, Worker Safety and Consumer and Home Safety.

Thank you for your commitment to electrical safety. Together, we can support ESA's vision for an Ontario where people can live, work and play safe from electrical harm.

**Nomination Deadline: June 4, 2021**

## Selection Criteria:

### To be considered for an Ontario Electrical Safety Award, submissions must:

- Demonstrate a strong commitment to improving electrical safety;
- Have an impact on the state of safety in Ontario.

### Ontario Electrical Safety Awards

#### Recognition Benefits:

- Ability to use the award icon for all marketing and promotion. i.e. sample below



- Recognition in Ontario Electrical Safety Awards media release and awards promotional materials.
- Recognition in the following year's awards nomination package.
- Recipients also receive a certificate recognizing their award and an engraved crystal award.

## Eligibility:

Any individual or organization that has worked to advance electrical safety in Ontario in one of the three award categories. An organization can include businesses, associations, or government entities.

A. Businesses regulated by ESA must be in good standing to receive an award; specifically:

- Local Distribution Companies (LDCs): must have an acceptable compliance record noted in its most recent LDC audit report submitted to ESA as well as no documented non-compliance findings from their most recent annual Due Diligence Inspections.
- Licensed Electrical Contractors (LECs): must have no documented licensing infractions or convictions in the previous 24-month period.
- Master Electricians: must have no documented licensing infractions or convictions in the previous 24-month period.

**B. Selection Criteria**

Any organization or individual not regulated by ESA must be in good standing to receive an award; specifically:

- No infractions or convictions through the Ministry of Labour or other government related agency in the previous 24-month period. If there are any matters under review at the time of submission, they must be disclosed as part of the nomination submission.

C. Nominated individuals do not have to be residents of Ontario but their efforts must have provided benefits in Ontario.

D. A sponsor organization that has partnered with another organization in electrical safety initiatives may be nominated.

E. Joint nominations for two or more individuals or organizations working in partnership on a common initiative are eligible.

***N.B. Directors and staff of the Electrical Safety Authority are not eligible for nomination.***

## Contact Information & Award Category

I am nominating:

(Name of Individual / Organization)

For:

(Name of Project / Initiative / Safety Effort)

### Nominee's Contact Information:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

City:

Email:

### My Contact Information:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

City:

Email:

### I am submitting my nomination for the category of:



**Powerline  
Safety**



**Worker  
Safety**



**Consumer and  
Home Safety**

We recommend you submit your entry to the category that best suits your nomination.  
Please note: you may enter more than one category.

If you are unsure as to which category to enter, contact [esa.awards@electricalsafety.on.ca](mailto:esa.awards@electricalsafety.on.ca)  
and we will be pleased to assist you.

## **Describe the project / initiative / safety effort**

Consider including why it was it needed; the safety issue it addressed; and who was most impacted – for example, the public, your community or the workplace. *Responses can be provided in sentence or bullet form. Additional pages can be submitted separately if required. (Max 1,200 words)*

**Describe the project / initiative / safety effort**

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## **What was the electrical safety impact?**

Describe how the project / initiative / safety effort was successful. When possible, please include testimonials, references, customer experiences, videos, research, results and/or metrics. *Responses can be provided in sentence or bullet form. Additional pages can be submitted separately if required. (Max 1,200 words)*

## **What was the electrical safety impact?**

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## **What makes this initiative stand out?**

Tell us why this nomination should be considered for an Ontario Electrical Safety Award. *Responses can be provided in sentence or bullet form. Additional pages can be submitted separately if required. (Max 1,200 words)*

## What makes this initiative stand out?

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Please submit your completed nomination form along with any supporting materials (e.g. videos, images, references, testimonials and communication materials) to: [ESA.awards@electricalsafety.on.ca](mailto:ESA.awards@electricalsafety.on.ca)

A committee will review submissions based on nominations and supporting references. Award recipients will be notified in advance of the Ontario Electrical Safety Awards presentation which will be held on September 30, 2021. Thank you for your nomination!



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# Join the Winner's Circle.

*Previous Ontario Electrical Safety Award Recipients*



## Powerline Safety

**2020**

**Powerline Safety: Lori Gallagher** – for her outstanding leadership of the Utility Standards Forum (USF), a non-profit organization owned by 54 Ontario distributors, her contributions to ESA's Utility Advisory Council and numerous CSA standards committees, and for her devotion to developing safety standards in the utility sector. Through USF and under Ms. Gallagher's leadership, Ontario Local Distribution Company's (LDCs) are able to share experiences, best practices and can strive for consistency in their approaches to running their operations in a safe manner in communities across the province and helps to ensure a safer work environment for employees.

**2019**

**Coco Paving** – for their dedication to proactively educating their employees on the dangers associated with working in close proximity to overhead powerlines. In early 2019, Coco Paving requested ESA's participation in their organizations '2019 Spring Start Up Sessions' to promote Overhead Power Line and Safety Prevention with their workers to create awareness and ultimately prevention of workplace injuries due to powerline contact. Coco Paving has taken a proactive step in creating a culture of care for their workers and preventing powerline contact incidents.

**2018**

**Simeon Go** – for the dedication he demonstrated over his 35-year career to reducing powerline contact incidents. He accomplished this in his role as safety manager at Energy Plus+ through his commitment to developing health and safety procedures for Local Distribution Company employees. His proactive safety initiatives also included providing electrical safety training to First Responders, Licensed Electrical Contractors and educational seminars to members of the public.



## Worker Safety

**2020**

**PUC Services Inc.** – for its dedication to keep workers and the community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. At the start of the pandemic, the PUC Services Inc. team created a mask committee composed of their own employees who sewed and distributed protective masks to fellow workers, who are often in situations where they work in close proximity to one another and the community.

**2019**

**Oshawa Power** – for their dedication to educating both external and internal workers through their Worker Safety Information Sessions. Oshawa Power provides continuous training to its employees through its Ergonomic Change Team and Wellness Committee that includes health and safety board postings, emails, Lunch and Learn lectures, and healthy departmental competitions. They extend their safety training to external workers through their 'Contractor Safety Day'.

**2018**

**City of London – Facilities Division** – for the quick response to the severe flooding that occurred in early 2018 to ensure that all electrical hazards were isolated and repaired quickly to avoid risk to members of the public and city employees. This included recognition of their strong preventative maintenance program and the commitment to ensuring maintenance employees receives the highest level of safety training.



## Consumer and Home Safety

**2020**

**Consumer and Home Safety: Hydro One Networks Inc.** – for its innovative approach to educating consumers on an important safety issue through the 2019 Power Challenge. The Power Challenge focused on building consumer and home safety by educating community members of all ages on electrical safety through a series of custom interactive games, activities, and giveaways. In 2019, the Power Challenge visited 28 local and community-based events such as fairs and community fairs, engaging 24,000 Ontarians in Hydro One service areas.

**2019**

**Waterloo North Hydro (WNH)** – for their innovative approach to educating consumers on an important safety issue through their 2018 Electrical Safety Poster Contest. The contest asked area elementary school students in (Grades 1-8) to design a safety poster outlining the importance of using Ontario One Call "locate request" before beginning an outdoor project. The contest provided an opportunity to communicate potentially life-saving information in a unique way.

**2018**

**Captain Electric** – for the dedication to increasing consumer awareness on the importance of hiring a Licensed Electrical Contractor and providing consumers with electrical safety information to avoid electrical hazards. They created YouTube videos to raise awareness with consumers on the importance of using safety devices such as Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters and Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters to prevent electrical fires and injury.