

Notice to Homeowners Performing Electrical Work

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In British Columbia, the following regulations must be complied with if you are a homeowner doing electrical wiring. First, there is the Safety Standards Act and associated Regulations which describes who can do electrical work, what electrical equipment is permitted to be used in B.C., how permits and inspections are obtained and carried out and so forth. The other is the B.C. Electrical Code which provides the specifics of how electrical wiring must be done.

The registered homeowner is permitted to do wiring in the residential dwelling that he or she occupies, or intends to occupy under the following provisions:

- The homeowner must attest that he or she has read and understands the content of the *Electrical Safety Homeowner Information Guide*, and satisfies to the Building Official that he or she is able and competent to do the work that is planned by completing and submitting an Electrical Permit Application Form. Details of the permit requirements and the *Information Guide* can be found on the Technical Safety BC's Website at <https://www.technicalsaftybc.ca/electrical-homeowner-permits>
- The homeowner will personally do the work with or without the assistance of a qualified person¹ who must not receive remuneration. This person may or may not be a member of the owner's immediate family. (*Note: immediate family means parent, spouse, child, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, and any other relative permanently residing in the owner's household or with whom the owner permanently resides.*)
- The single dwelling cannot contain a secondary suite.
- The dwelling has or will have a separate consumer's service and electricity is not fed or supplied from the dwelling to a separately owned or occupied residential property or to a commercial or industrial property.
- The work will involve only installations in which current and voltage of the installation do not exceed 200 amps and 250 volts to ground.

Note: *The Electrical Safety Homeowner Information Guide* does not list all the code rules that you must follow. For that information you must refer to a copy of the Code or some other publication that contains the code rules necessary for the work that you plan to do.

****This information is provided as a reference only.**

For more details please refer to www.technicalsaftybc.ca