



Audit Condition #5 Electrical Maintenance

Recommended Board Policy OSBIE Human Element Loss Prevention (H.E.L.P.) Program

The Human Element Factors behind most electrical losses are often related to poor workmanship and the lack of preventive maintenance. According to the Ontario Electrical Code, all electrical work requires a permit, must be conducted by a qualified electrician, and must be inspected by a certified electrical inspector before power is restored. Given the volume of maintenance required in a school board, this process can be costly and time consuming. However, human safety and property protection cannot be compromised for financial shortfalls or for convenience.

A school board that is complying with the Ontario Electrical Code will have a much lower exposure to injuries and property losses. Maintenance that is performed under Electrical Safety Authority Continuous Safety Services (CSS) Program** will be in compliance with the Code. In addition to the permit and inspection services provided under this program, electrical safety bulletins, and consulting services are also provided to subscribers to this program.

The attached material provides information on the Electrical Safety Authority Continuous Safety Services program. Subscribers to this program, or having documentation of an equivalent program, will fulfill the criteria and will contribute towards the HELP risk management credit.

***** To subscribe to the Continuous Safety Services Program, or for more information, contact your regional office of Electrical Safety Authority.**