

Important Information about Electrical Safety Authority (ESA)

Verification of compliance with the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) requirements is mandatory prior to the registration of all second units in the City of Brampton. The purpose of the ESA review process and inspection is to ensure that the electrical wiring servicing the second unit is safe and properly installed/serviced.

Depending on the age of the house, a specific type of electrical inspection from the ESA must be requested. Please see the list below to determine the most appropriate type of electrical inspection for your house.

Electrical inspection forms can be downloaded from the Electrical Safety Authority's website at <https://www.esasafe.com/consumers/permits-and-inspections/inspection-forms>. Additionally, you can contact the ESA Customer Service Centre at 1-877-ESA-SAFE (1-877-372-7233).

Navigating the electrical inspections process can be challenging for a homeowner. It is recommended that you consult with a licensed electrician to help guide you through the inspections process.

Year of house construction	Type of electrical inspection required from the ESA
House built prior to 1976	<p>An ElecChek Certificate is required.</p> <p>This inspection involves inspecting all wiring in both units of the house to ensure compliance with the Electrical Safety Code and to ensure that the wiring in use is copper, not aluminium or knob and tube.</p>
<p>House built in 1976 or later</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>the second unit is being constructed with a building permit</p>	<p>A General Inspection Certificate is required.</p> <p>The ESA should be contacted at the beginning of your project so that the ESA inspector can complete any required inspections prior to the installation of drywall.</p>
<p>House built in 1976 or later</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>the finished space designated for the second unit has been built without a building permit</p>	<p>An application for a Wiring Application must be completed.</p> <p>In this instance, it is highly recommended that you consult a licensed electrician. The inspections process may require drywall to be removed to satisfy the ESA inspector. Once the inspector is satisfied with the electrical wiring, the ESA will issue a General Inspection Certificate that is needed to legally register the second unit with the City of Brampton.</p>