



Preventing Electrical Shock Around Public and Private Docks

Electric shock can happen anywhere electricity is present – on the dock itself and in the water. Dock owners are responsible for ensuring the electrical installation and equipment around docks and boathouses are maintained and in safe working order.

Here are four tips to help ensure your dock's electrical system is safe:

- Have the wiring, outlets and other dockside electrical equipment checked and maintained regularly by a Licensed Electrical Contractor to ensure they're safe and comply with Ontario Electrical Safety Code requirements.
- Always install Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) protection for receptacles on floating piers or docks and circuits that deliver electricity to cottage boathouses or docks.
- Never use frayed or damaged cords and make sure all marine cords have a ground pin (three-prong) to prevent electric shock.
- If you suspect an issue with your dock's electrical system immediately turn off the power at the electrical panel and contact a Licensed Electrical Contractor to check your system.

To find a Licensed Electrical Contractor near you visit www.esasafe.com.

Dock Safety Brochure:

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