



PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT – for immediate release

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Flood Safety Alert

ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS – DEALING WITH FLOODING

Ontario's Electrical Safety Authority warns the public to follow basic safety steps during flood conditions

Contact your Local Distribution Company to disconnect power to your home in the event that flood water rises above outlets covers or power cords, or approaches the service panel. Electrical equipment and wiring exposed to water through flooding may be dangerous if re-energized without proper evaluation by a qualified person. Once power has been turned off or disconnected a licensed electrical contractor should be contacted to determine if electrical equipment (wires, plugs) needs to be replaced.

Do not plug in or attempt to use wet electrical appliances until they have been checked or serviced by an electrician or service agency.

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