



Rationale

The B.C. Safety Act, clearly states that only qualified persons can perform electrical work including minor electrical repairs. There has been some uncertainty about what constitutes "minor electrical repairs" and on occasion some work in this category has been carried out by unlicensed or unqualified maintenance personnel.

Policy

All electrical work on school property must be performed by qualified persons only.

Regulation

1. A qualified person, i.e., a licensed electrician, may without a permit, replace receptacles, cord attachment plugs, snap switches, lamps, dimmer switches, fan speed controllers and fuses up to a maximum rating of 750 volts with electrical equipment of a similar type or rating (Electrical Safety Act Section 21 (1)).
2. Other work may be carried out without a permit by a registered electrical contractor in accordance with the Act depending on the nature or the work. If a permit is required the cost of the permit will usually be included in the contract price.
3. For any other work not covered in #1 and #2 reference should be made to the Act.
4. A copy of the Regulation 487/95 Part 3 of the Electrical Safety Act should be on file at each school.

Electrical Maintenance Program

Schools are encouraged to develop a maintenance program where electrical work can be carried out on the cyclical basis, e.g., a % of florescent ballasts to be changed annually, rather than change individual ballasts as needed.



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