

# Electrical Safety – 2023 Year in Review



## FEDERAL

### LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**May 18:** ESDC published a new [Hazard Alert](#) to help employers protect workers against risks of electrocution, shock and other electrical injuries. The risks are particularly great at telecommunication sites where operations are carried out on or near energized power lines.

**Action Point:** Implement a legally sound [electrical safety compliance plan](#) at your workplace.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

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**Mar 1:** Revised minimum safe approach distances to exposed electrical equipment and conductors under ([Section 19.24.1 of](#)) the OHS Regulations took effect today.

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**Apr 6:** WorkSafeBC issued [revised guidelines](#) on section 19.27(1)(b) of the *OHS Regulations*, which allows for specially trained workers to follow revised limits of approach to energized equipment in situations where rerouting, de-energizing, or guarding the equipment isn't practicable. The

guidelines explain when such situations would be considered to exist.

**Action Point:** Implement a legally sound [electrical safety compliance plan](#) at your workplace.

## ONTARIO

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**Dec 1:** The MOL issued a new [hazard alert](#) warning health care facilities that fires can occur when the contents of IV bags get into electrical outlets. The risk is likely to occur when IV bags that are hung near outlets develop leaks allowing the fluid to drip out.

**Action Point:** Go to the [OHSI Fire Safety Compliance centre](#) for resources you can use to prevent fires and explosions at your workplace.