

## Who Needs an Electrical Operating Permit?

Operating permits are necessary to satisfy requirements for operation and maintenance of electrical equipment specified in the Safety Standards General Regulation and BC Electrical Code Regulation; and ensure that maintenance of electrical equipment is monitored by qualified individuals.

If you own or manage any of the following sites, it is likely you need an electrical operating permit:

- educational facility such as university, college, public or private schools;
- hospitals, nursing homes, or senior centres;
- multi-occupancy buildings such as hotels, office high-rises, strata-owned condominiums and apartment buildings, or shopping malls;
- manufacturing and industrial facilities such as warehouses and recycling plants;
- recreational facilities such as stadiums, ice rinks, or bowling alleys;
- facilities that operate equipment in hazardous environments;
- wind farms;
- Greenhouses; or
- municipal sites.

An operating permit is required for electrical equipment when:

- operation or design of electrical equipment requires regular or ongoing maintenance;
- supply to privately owned equipment is greater than 750 volts (except for high voltage neon signs);
- equipment is operated or maintained for emergency service and/or is part of a fire alarm system;
- rated service capacity of equipment as per the manufacturer's nameplate rating is capable of handling electrical supply of over 250 kVA (e.g, main service switch, main transforming equipment, electrical panel, or transformer); or
- equipment is operated within the class or zone designations for hazardous locations.

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