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Law prohibits DIYers from tampering with electrical wires

Stop right there Mr. Fixit! Don't you dare do anything involving the electrical panel until you've read this. If you're planning to convert your master bedroom into a swinging Austin Powers pad, complete with disco lights, make sure you've got a licensed electrical constructor on the premises. All electrical work in Ontario must now be performed by accredited pros. The new legis-

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lation, passed earlier this year, requires all electrical contractors to be licensed by the Electrical Contractor Registration Agency of the Electrical Safety Authority — and with good reason. Since 1998, 100 Ontario workers and homeowners have been killed by electrocution,

and 2,974 electrical fires have been reported. And don't forget to ask for the contractor's licence number, before starting work. To search for a licensed electrician, visit plugin-safely.ca or call 1-877-372-7233. *National Post*

