

# Bulletin

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## ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

### CLEARANCE TO ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

Planning & Development Services Electrical Safety Code Officers have noticed that electrical meters are being mounted in places or are being blocked where access is not maintained. There have been air conditioning condensers, trees, and other blockages directly in front of electrical meters.

The Canadian Electrical Code Part 1, 2018, Rule #2-308 states: *"A minimum working space of 1 meter with secure footing shall be provided and maintained about electrical equipment....."*

As the Electrical Contractor who hold a valid permit for any undertaking, it is your responsibility to ensure that the requirements of the Canadian Electrical Code are met. Whether doing air conditioning installs or electrical service upgrades, access to electrical equipment must always be maintained. The installation, alteration, repair or maintenance of any electrical equipment must comply with Rule 2-308. All non-compliance must be corrected before the work can be approved. This applies even were an owner has allowed the original installation of the equipment to become non-compliant over time.

Part 1 of the Safety Codes Act outlines the responsibilities of landowners and contractors.

*Owners, Care and Control - The owner of any thing, process or activity to which this Act applies shall ensure that it meets the requirements of this Act, that the thing is maintained as required by the regulations and that when the process or activity is undertaken it is done in a safe manner.*

*Contractors' duties - A contractor who undertakes construction, operation or maintenance of or builds or installs any thing to which this Act applies shall ensure that this Act is complied with.*

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Christensen or Dan Beaton, City of Medicine Hat Electrical Safety Code Officers at 403-529-8210.



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