

GROW-OPS IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURHOODS OVERVIEW OF PROPOSAL

ROLES:

Local Governments

- Make the decision to lead a residential public safety initiative in its jurisdiction;
- Ensure appropriate bylaws are in place to implement the program;
- Initiate request for electrical power consumption information;
- Receive list of residential addresses exhibiting unusual power consumption;
- Liaise with the police to identify properties where inspections should not be carried out;
- Liaise with the BC Safety Authority or municipal electrical safety officers to determine electrical permit history of addresses;
- Develop administrative and safety inspection procedures;
- Establish team of electrical, fire and building inspectors plus police officers;
- Coordinate and fund safety inspections under this initiative.

Power Distribution Companies

- Upon request by a local government, analyze residential power customers within its boundaries to determine unusual consumption patterns;
- Provide list of addresses with unusual power consumption to the local government.

British Columbia Safety Authority (BCSA)

- Support the safety initiative by identifying locations where high power consumption cannot be linked to any electrical permits issued under the Safety Standards Act (SSA);
- Enter into agreements to provide electrical safety officers as part of local government teams;
- As part of the team, conduct safety inspections as authorized under the SSA;
- Undertake enforcement actions under the SSA i.e. issue a compliance order or shut the power off if an unsafe electrical installation is found during an inspection.

Police (RCMP/Local)

- Advise local government of any addresses on the unusual power consumption list which should not be inspected due to connection with a criminal investigation;
- Provide protection for the safety inspection team.

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GROW-OP SAFETY INITIATIVE OVERVIEW

