

# Special Events in the City of Minneapolis

## Electrical Licensing and Inspections

This brief document contains important information regarding electrical licensing and electrical inspections for special events such as carnivals, fairs, festivals, exhibitions, attractions, concerts, rallies, sporting or similar events that employ temporary electrical power distribution systems supplied by portable or vehicle-mounted generators or permanent electrical infrastructure.

In accordance with Minnesota statutes and rules, the department has the responsibility for inspection of all electrical wiring and equipment for special events. Portable or vehicle-mounted generators and temporary electrical power distribution systems are required to be inspected. Additions or alterations to premises wiring systems, permanent electrical infrastructure or other fixed wiring systems are also required to be separately inspected. Electrical equipment and electrical wiring shall be inspected and be in compliance before being energized and put into use.

Authorized representatives for the special event are responsible for notifying the department sufficiently in advance to permit completion of all required electrical inspections.

Minnesota has strict electrical licensing and electrical inspection requirements. Persons other than licensed or registered electricians employed by licensed electrical contractors are only allowed to connect or inter-connect multi-conductor cords and single-conductor cables that are equipped with approved separable multi-pole or single-pole connectors. Licensed or registered electricians employed by licensed electrical contractors are required to connect or terminate conductors, cords and cables that have bare ends, clamps, clips or other types of connections other than approved separable connectors.

Licensed or registered electricians employed by licensed electrical contractors are required to perform all electrical work on interior or exterior premises wiring systems or any other fixed electrical infrastructure. Minnesota adopts the National Electrical Code (NEC) without amendments.

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