

Topics Regarding Unlicensed Electrical Work in Massachusetts

Massachusetts electrical laws are tough! It is considered a crime to violate MGL 141 s.1A, which is engaging in the business of electrical work without an electrical license

Violation of the law can place the property owner in both danger of fire and danger of an insurance company not paying on a claim

MGL 141 s. 1A states:

No person, firm, or corporation shall enter into, engage in, or work at the business or occupation of installing wires, conduits, apparatus, devices, fixtures, or other appliances for carrying or using electricity for light, heat, power, fire warning or security system purposes, unless such person, firm or corporation shall be licensed by the state examiners of electricians in accordance with this chapter, and, with respect to security systems, unless such person, firm or corporation shall also be licensed by the commissioner of public safety in accordance with the provisions of sections fifty-seven to sixty-one, inclusive, of chapter one hundred and forty-seven.

How to Stop Unlicensed Work:

Learn more by watching the video available from We Are Electricians

To file a complaint for violation of MGL 141 s 1A:

- You can file a criminal complaint through the County Criminal Court Office in the county where the unlicensed work took place. The form can be obtained online at <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-a-cr...>
- You can file a complaint with the State Investigation Office in Boston. The form can be obtained online at : <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-a-co...>
- You can call the State Investigation Unit in Boston at 617-727-7406
- You can call your local Inspector of Wires

To support your complaint, you must provide one of the following pieces of evidence of an unlicensed worker:

- Video
- Photo
- Business card

- Voice mail message
- Permit
- Receipt
- Contract
- Estimate
- Social media
- Website
- Statement by homeowner or business owner
- Inspector of Wires report
- State investigator's report

The forms should include wording such as:

Unlicensed work puts the job in a very hazardous condition and could create fire. This is in violation of MGL 141 s. 1A and in violation of the State permit law MGL 143 s. 3L. If anyone engages into the electrical business without a license, he/she is doing it against the law!

