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# Preface

This is the second edition of CSA Z462, *Workplace electrical safety*. It supersedes the first edition published in 2008.

This Standard is based on NFPA 70E, *Standard for Electrical Safety for the Workplace*, and has been harmonized with Parts I, II, and III of the *Canadian Electrical Code; CAN/CSA-Z460, Control of hazardous energy — Lockout and other methods*; and CSA M421, *Use of electricity in mines*. This revised edition of NFPA 70E-2012 has been developed by the Canadian Standards Association from the original edition as promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association. In addition to its initial source, it includes significant revisions by CSA. This Standard is fully the responsibility of CSA. The NFPA, holder of the copyright in this edition, takes no responsibility for any portion thereof.

This Standard specifies requirements for and provides guidance on safety management systems, safe work procedures, and selection of personal protective equipment and other safety devices for persons exposed to hazards associated with energized electrical equipment. In addition, this Standard sets out criteria for the identification and training of qualified electrical workers and for determination of hazardous work to be performed only by those qualified individuals.

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This Standard was prepared by the Technical Committee on Workplace Electrical Safety, under the jurisdiction of the Strategic Steering Committee on Occupational Health and Safety, and has been formally approved by the Technical Committee.

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## *Workplace electrical safety*

### 1 Scope

#### Δ 1.1 General

This Standard specifies requirements for workplace electrical safety necessary for the practical safeguarding of workers during activities such as the installation, inspection, operation, maintenance, and demolition of electric conductors and electric equipment, as well as work in proximity of energized electrical equipment.

#### Δ 1.2 Application

While it can be applied by organizations of any type or size, this Standard does not cover the following:

- (a) installations in ships, watercraft other than floating buildings, railway rolling stock, aircraft, and automotive vehicles other than mobile homes and recreational vehicles;
- (b) installations of railways for the generation, transformation, transmission, or distribution of power used exclusively for operation of rolling stock or installations used exclusively for signalling and communications;
- (c) installations of communications equipment under the exclusive control of communications utilities located outdoors or in building spaces used exclusively for such installations; and
- (d) installations under the exclusive control of an electric utility when such installations
  - (i) consist of service drops or service laterals, and associated metering;
  - (ii) are located in legally established easements or rights-of-way designated or recognized by public service commissions, utility commissions, or other regulatory agencies having jurisdiction for such installations; or
  - (iii) are on property owned or leased by the electric utility for communications or for metering, generation, control, transformation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy.

#### Δ 1.3 Suitability

It is the responsibility of the users of this Standard to judge its suitability for their particular purpose (see Note 2 to the Preface).

#### 1.4 Use with related standards and regulations

This Standard is intended for use with Parts I, II, and III of the *Canadian Electrical Code* and other related Canadian workplace electrical safety standards (e.g., CSA M421 and CAN/CSA-Z460), and should be used with such standards. In addition, users of this Standard should always refer to provincial, territorial, and federal safety regulations that have jurisdiction over their work facility, contract job site, or profession.

#### 1.5 Organization of this Standard

The requirements of this Standard are divided into three main clauses, as shown in [Figure 1](#). [Annexes A](#) to [T](#) do not specify requirements and are included for information only.

#### 1.6 Measurements

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