

## Reminder to Avoid Fraudulent Training and Counterfeit Certificates



### A SAFETY HAZARD

In 2023, Energy Safety Canada (ESC) confiscated 188 counterfeit certificates, with an additional 178 found so far in 2024. These counterfeit certificates pose a significant safety risk and undermine the integrity of ESC's training standards.

ESC's training certificates confirm that a worker is trained and ready to work safely. To ensure that only legitimately trained individuals access work sites, use the online [Certificate Validation](#) tool to validate a certificate.

### Fraudulent Training

Fraudulent training is hazardous and disregards the high industry safety standards set by ESC, putting the workers who obtained counterfeit certificates, and everyone around them, at risk.

### Unauthorized Providers

The following companies and individuals are not authorized to provide ESC safety training or issue ESC certificates:

#### Companies:

- Blue Diamond Safety
- Check Safety
- LA Safety
- Slave Safety
- High Tower Safety Consulting

#### Individuals:

- Lorinda Dykstra
- Melissa Haut
- Ray Sadek
- Lori Vegso (Compagnon)
- Richard Casey Harvey
- Art Lefebvre



### WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Do not accept photos or scanned copies of ESC certificates. Accept original ESC certificates that are issued in person after successful course completion.
- Detailed [certificate information](#) is available on ESC's website.
- Validate certificates using ESC's online [Certificate Validation](#) tool or by scanning the QR code on the certificate.

**ESC will never send pictures or photocopies of certificates to students by text.**

**ESC staff will only use email (not text), using [@EnergySafetyCanada.com](mailto:@EnergySafetyCanada.com).**

### ESC Authorized Training Providers:

- Can be confirmed using ESC's list of [Authorized Training Providers](#).
- Conduct training out of professional facilities, not a house or parking lot.

### Ongoing Support

For assistance validating a certificate or to confirm an Authorized Training Provider, contact [CustomerService@EnergySafetyCanada.com](mailto:CustomerService@EnergySafetyCanada.com) or call 1.800.667.5557, ext. 1.