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Peter Marcucci — the chief engineer at the Electrical Safety Authority of Ontario (ESA) — says if knob and tube is properly maintained and periodically inspected, it doesn't present an undue risk or hazard to homeowners.

The ESA approves all electrical installations in the province.

"We're not seeing a disproportionate number of fires caused by knob and tube. We have about 160 investigations we have done over the last five years. Of those, we've had three instances where the home has knob and tube wiring," Marucci said.

Marcucci adds those fires were not caused by knob and tube wiring, but by the homeowner having played with the wiring.

The ESA's recommendation to insurance companies on knob and tube wiring is that they ask for inspections to make sure the wiring is safe. It does not recommend denying someone insurance simply because they have some knob and tube.



*Knob and tube is 'not an undue risk' says Peter Marcucci, Ontario's Electrical Safety Authority.*