



Mitigating the Risks Inherent in SUBCONTRACTING

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It has long been the case in the construction industry that onerous contract clauses have been the norm. All too often, terms are slipped into contracts without involved parties fully understanding the risks involved. This can result in sub trades, like mechanical contractors, being burdened

with unknown costs and all kinds of legal liability. In 2011, a subcontract program was started by the Electrical Contractors Association of BC (ECABC) as an initiative to help educate electrical contractors when entering into subcontracts with general contractors.

The ECABC-Mechanical Contractors Association of BC (MCABC) Subcontract Committee's mandate has been to collaboratively combine forces to create a useful tool for their members. This includes easy access to legal contract information and an easy understanding of onerous clauses. Members have had