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SANDAKAN: A total of 454 cases out of the 911 electrical accident cases reported the past 15 years have been fatal, said Energy Commission electrical safety regulation director Mohd Elmi Anas.

This year, he said, 46 cases of electrical accident have been reported, and "if this figure is annualised, the total accident for this year is estimated to be 53 cases."

"This indicates a decreasing trend of two per cent compared to last year," he said during a roadshow, here, Thursday.

On water heater-related accidents, he said there were eight cases of electrocution which lead to seven deaths and six injuries, while three cases of explosion which did not result in any fatality.

"Hence, measures have been taken to enhance public awareness, including the development of the installation code and guideline."

The workshop aimed to promote the newly-published electrical installation code and guideline.

Three papers were presented during the

roadshow. Among them were the Overview of Non-Domestic Electrical Installation Safety Code and Introduction to Guideline for the Design, Installation, Testing, Operation and Maintenance of Water Heater Systems.

The event was attended by non-domestic consumers, licensees for retail, licensees of private installations, owner of commercial premises, hotels, associations of electrical contractors, professional bodies, manufacturers, importers and accredited institutions from all over Sabah.