

Safety of In-Service Lifts

# Supplementary Testing

Keeping your in-service lifts safe

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The Safety Assessment Federation (SAFed) released revised guidelines on the 2nd January 2006 regarding supplementary tests in support of the thorough examination of lifts.

## Legal Requirements and Duties

The law places a duty on those persons who provide or make available lifts for use and those who carry out work or inspections on lifts. When a supplementary test is called for by a competent person carrying out a thorough examination, compliance with the revised guidelines will enable the requirements of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 to be met. It is the lift owner's responsibility to ensure that where supplementary testing is to be carried out, that it is undertaken by persons competent to carry out and certify such tests. Records of supplementary testing must be maintained and made available to the competent person.

## Who is affected by these Guidelines?

Owners and managers of buildings in which lifts are installed will have duties as the 'lift owner' for operating, maintaining and ensuring that inspection and testing of lifts is carried out. The competent person will have responsibilities for carrying out the inspection and calling for the supplementary tests where their risk assessment deems it necessary.

## Purpose of Supplementary Tests

Such tests are solely for supporting the thorough inspection of the lift. They are not part of the servicing or maintenance regime and should not therefore be initiated by engineers engaged in such duties.

## Preferred Supplier

Allianz Engineering recognises that users may require professional assistance in selecting a competent third party to undertake the supplementary testing of lifts. In the first instance we would advise you to contact your lift maintainer/installer. Alternatively, Allianz Engineering have put in place a preferred supplier network through one of our business partners to support our in-service customers. A preferred supplier will be suitably qualified and has previously demonstrated their ability to carry out professional testing on lifts for our clients. In addition, you carry the assurance that they will deliver the scope of service to meet the Guidelines and provide the requisite technical documentation to both the lift owner and competent person to support the statutory inspection.

## How Allianz Engineering can help you

In the event that supplementary testing has been called for on the statutory report of examination, contact Allianz Engineering Special Services. We will be pleased to assist you both in arranging the required supplementary tests and liaising with our engineers with respect to documentary follow-up.

## Contacting Us

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