

Elevator

Definition: A platform or compartment housed in a shaft for raising and lowering people or things vertically to different levels within as building

Please Note: For the purpose of this inspection, chairlifts, stairlifts and dumbwaiters are not considered elevators.

Name lift, freight elevator

Variants:

Most metal, plastic

Common

Materials:

Most cab, door, handrail, buttons,

Common

Components:

Location & Inspection of Elevators

Abilities or Knowledge Needed:	- Visual acuity for location & inspection
	- Mobility for access to all areas of the property
	- Understanding of item's components

Tools for Location & Inspection	Useful:	none
	Required:	length measuring device

Common Locations:	Unit/Inside:	hallways, building entrance/lobby
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How to Locate:	Visual Observation:	Look for this item near the main entrance of a building. Often has signage directing traffic to the elevator bank
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Possible Deficiencies:	Deficiency 1:	Elevator is not operating
	Deficiency 2:	Elevator door does not fully open or close at each floor
	Deficiency 3:	Elevator cab not level with floor

Deficiency 1:

Elevator is not operating

Rationale:	Maintenance:	Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.
	Health and Safety:	Reduces accessibility and egress/ingress to residents unable to use stairs. Increases probability a resident could get trapped inside elevator.
	Operability:	Prevents proper use of elevator.

Health and Safety:	Standard:	This is a standard health and safety issued requiring a correction, remedy, or act of abatement within 30 days.
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How to Inspect:	Request for info:	Ask the POA or representative to be shown the elevator certificate and ensure that certificate is not expired.
	Action:	Approach each elevator panel on the main floor of the building Push the control button.
	Visual Observation:	Look to see that each elevator responds to the call and arrives to the intended floor. Look to make sure that the elevator cab is present.

Record deficiency if:	elevator is not responding to controls.
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Deficiency 2:

Elevator door does not fully open or close at each floor

Rationale:	Maintenance:	Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.
	Health and Safety:	Reduces accessibility and egress/ingress to residents unable to use stairs
	Operability:	Prevents proper use of elevator.
Health and Safety:	Standard:	This is a standard health and safety issued requiring a correction, remedy, or act of abatement within 30 days.
How to Inspect:	Request for info:	Ask the POA or representative to be shown the elevator certificate and ensure that certificate is not expired.
	Action:	Enter elevator on main level and select a floor above you as your destination. Wait for elevator to arrive at the next level.
	Visual Observation:	Look to ensure that the door opens fully or at least 36 inches.
	Action:	Select the main floor as your destination and wait for the elevator doors to fully close.
	Visual Observation:	Look to ensure that the door fully closes.
	Action:	Repeat this process for each floor of the building and in each elevator on the property.
Record deficiency if:	elevator door does open at least 36 inches and closes at each floor.	

Deficiency 3:

Elevator cab not level with the floor

Rationale:	Maintenance:	Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.
	Health and Safety:	Creates a trip hazard.
	Operability:	Prevents proper use of elevator.
Health and Safety:	Standard:	This is a standard health and safety issued requiring a correction, remedy, or act of abatement within 30 days.
How to Inspect:	Request for info:	Ask the POA or representative to be shown the elevator certificate and ensure that certificate is not expired.
	Action:	Enter elevator on main level and select a floor above you as your destination. Wait for elevator to arrive at the next level and let the doors open.
	Visual Observation:	Look to ensure that the elevator cab is level with the building's floor. There should be less than a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch vertical difference between the cab and the floor.
	Action:	Repeat this process for each floor of the building and in each elevator on the property
Record deficiency if:		there is more than a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch difference in level between the elevator cab and a building's floor.