



Alberta Elevating Devices
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Safety Association

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AEDARSA has prepared a **FAQ** page concerning the functioning of elevating devices during covid-19 pandemic and reports the following;

Question #1

The facility/building has closed (voluntary or ordered) and ALL public access is denied. The OWNER is complying, however essential building staff must be allowed in the building. Is the OWNER required to continue to have a functioning elevating device in the building?

Answer #1

Choosing to voluntarily remove elevators from service under any condition is observed by the Building Authority Jurisdiction. Certain buildings will require “*Barrier Free*” access via elevating devices, while other buildings will require that Firefighters have access to elevators for building and fire emergencies.

Question # 2

The intention from the OWNER is to have maintenance service suspended and have the unit(s) locked out so that they can also suspend their maintenance billing. What is needed to confirm the building is in good standing from a code perspective.

Answer # 2

- a) Maintenance must be performed on any **operating** elevator to ensure they meet the requirements of the *Safety Codes Act* and the *Elevating Devices Codes Regulation AR192/2015* regardless if it is only available to a limited number of users.
- b) The Government of Alberta has declared elevator/escalator maintenance an essential service, and therefore elevating devices that are required to be in operation will need to meet the minimum requirements for maintenance to repair or render operable / safe any public conveyance, including elevators, escalators and ski lifts

Question # 3

What would the constraints/ conditions be if maintenance service were to be suspended and the elevator(s) locked out, at the OWNERS request?

Answer # 3

Once the Elevating Devices Service Provider (EDSP) and the OWNER(s) of the building have addressed items 1 and 2 above, then it will be up to the EDSP and the OWNER

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to decide how to deal with the elevator that is to be held in abeyance (lock-off at the disconnect) while dealing with building condition such as:

- EMERGENCY SERVICES ACCESS.
- Possible water conditions in the pit.
- Emergency lighting (Batteries).
- Other various site-specific conditions.

Question # 4

What additional steps must be taken prior to returning the elevating device to public operation?

Answer # 4

ALL elevating devices removed from service, short or long term, will require the following prior to returning to PUBLIC OPERATION:

- A complete and comprehensive review of the maintenance of the elevator is to be carried out.
- ALL required Maintenance completed.
- ALL required CATEGORY 1 and 5 (if applicable) completed.
- ALL required BRAKE inspection and testing completed.
- On-site logbooks are signed and up to date.
- PERMIT of OPERATION MUST BE in place.

NOTE: Depending on the length of time the device has held in abeyance the device MAY require a Safety inspection by a certified Safety Codes Officer

General Note:

As you can appreciate the conditions that are presented via COVID -19 are unprecedented and as new information emerges daily, we reside in a constant state of flux. Therefore, as conditions change, AEDARSA may vary its approach to how elevating device requirements are implemented in the future.



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