

EDUCATE AND REGULATE



Alberta Elevating Devices
& Amusement Rides
Safety Association

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Educate Regulate COMMUNICATE

AEDARSA is responsible for keeping Albertans safe. We've been tasked with regulating all elevators and lifts; gondolas, ski lifts and passenger ropeways; and amusement rides operating in our province. At the same time, we harness our expertise to provide hands-on inspection services.

Our annual report allows us to communicate how we are working to deliver on our mandate and execute our duties. We are proud to share the efforts we are taking to educate and regulate the industry on their responsibilities, obligations and requirements, while enforcing Alberta's leading regulatory and reporting practices.



Corporate Profile

About AEDARSA

The Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association (AEDARSA) was created to bring independent regulatory oversight to the installation and ongoing safety compliance of elevating devices, amusement rides, and passenger ropeways throughout Alberta.

AEDARSA provides quality, cost-effective, uncompromised administration and uniform application of Safety Standards for the Province of Alberta.



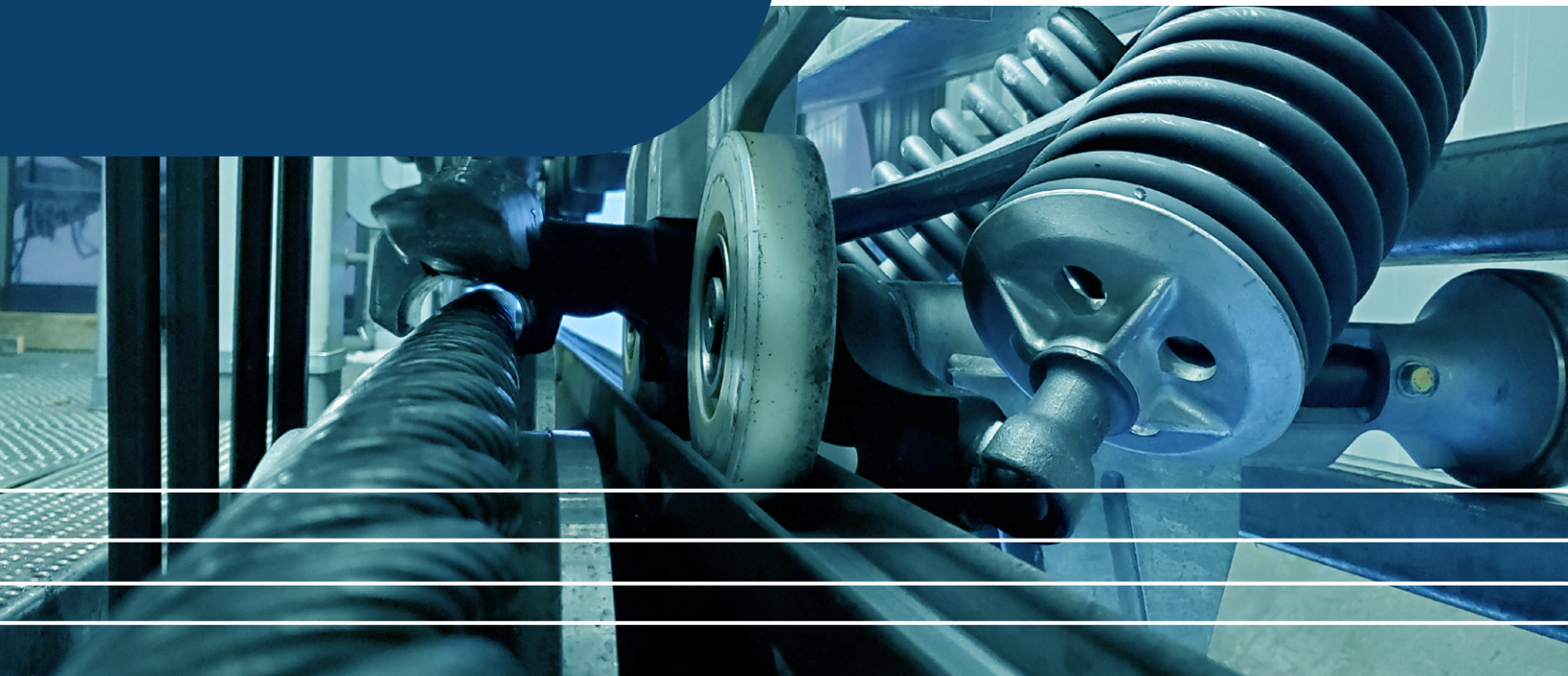
Our Mission

To exceed the safety expectations of Albertans.



Our Vision

To provide quality, cost-effective administration with safety standards uniformly applied.



Our Role & Responsibilities

AEDARSA...

- **Enforces regulation** for the safety of Amusement Rides, Passenger Ropeways, and Elevating Devices across Alberta, in partnership with industry.
- **Administers and delivers** all acts, regulations and standards for Amusement Rides, Passenger Ropeways and Elevating Devices, in collaboration with Alberta Municipal Affairs and the Safety Codes Council of Alberta.
- **Provides comprehensive safety services** including permits, inspections, training, design review and public education through a variety of organizations.
- **Maintains "Accredited Agency" status** in the Elevator discipline. It is accredited by the Safety Codes Council of Alberta to provide in-service inspections on all classes of elevators and lifts on a competitive basis.

Governance and Accountability:

AEDARSA is committed to working collaboratively with our clients and stakeholders, addressing their questions and issues in a professional manner. We are advised by an eight-member Board of Directors, representing all industrial sectors we regulate, as well as a Ministerial Appointee. These Directors review all aspects of AEDARSA's business on a quarterly basis.

AEDARSA services all areas of the province from our offices in Edmonton and Calgary.

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2024 Year in Review

Education and Community Involvement

In 2024, AEDARSA focused on making education a top priority. We worked on becoming more visible and proactive in the community. As we ventured out to share messaging around elevator safety, we were met with curiosity and interest at every level.

Conferences, Events & Seminars

March
12
2024

CRRA Expo – Calgary

AEDARSA was one of 70 exhibitors at the Calgary Residential Rental Association Expo. This was a busy event, attended by many of the Property Managers we work with on a daily basis.

May
9
2024

ARLA Tradeshow – Edmonton

We participated in the Alberta Residential Landlord Association Trade Show in Edmonton. This incredible event allowed us an opportunity to connect with building agents. There was a lot of interaction and value in our attendance.

Sept.
12
2024

ARLA Lunch & Learn – Edmonton (Virtual)

AEDARSA presented at the first ARLA Lunch & Learn. We spoke on agent/owner requirements. It was an online presentation, followed by a Q&A. The presentation is available on the ARLA website presentation library for anyone who has an interest in viewing it.

Sept.
25-26
2024

AB Munis Trade Show – Red Deer

For the first time, AEDARSA team members from Calgary and Edmonton participated in the Alberta Municipalities Convention & Trade Show. It provided a valuable opportunity to meet face-to-face with Municipal representatives from across the province. We provided insights on Permits and Safety Inspection requirements and helped answer questions on a wide range of topics. We hope to make it a regular occurrence.



Oct.
17-18
2024

AEIS – Edmonton

This October, AEDARSA hosted the 8th Annual Alberta Elevator Industry Seminar (AEIS) in Edmonton's Arena District. Topics included:

- Discussion of 2022 Code Changes (2-part)
- Wire Ropes Rejection Criteria
- Elevator Incidents/ Accidents – Lessons Learned
- Door Detector & Elevator Communications
- ASME A17.1 – 2022/ B44:22 8.7

Almost all participants surveyed were very pleased with the overall organization of the conference and the relevancy of the topics and speakers. We thank all those who attended and presented.

93.8% Strongly Agreed or Agreed the variety of presentations and topics met their needs and interests.

2024 AEIS Survey

Nov.
1-2
2024

ACR Conference & Trade Show – Calgary

AEDARSA was one of 64 exhibitors at the Alberta Condominium and Real Estate Conference and Trade Show, supported by the Association of Condominium Managers of Alberta, the Canadian Condominium Institute South Chapter and the Real Estate Institute of Canada Calgary Chapter. It provided a welcome opportunity to meet with longtime clients representing some of the largest Property Management companies in Calgary and establish meaningful connections. We identified several opportunities to speak at seminars and lunch & learns.

Guest Articles

Rental Gazette Article Spring Issue, 2024 (Edmonton)

AEDARSA made an effort to share our knowledge as a guest contributor in the spring issue of The Rental Gazette. The article focused on commonly asked questions regarding elevating devices. Future articles are in the works.

"It is important for us to focus on picking events and interactions where we can add value and fill gaps wherever possible. Next year, I am hoping that we can travel to the northern part of the province and participate in a tradeshow or conference where people may not have as clear of an understanding of AEDARSA's role."

- Charlene, AEDARSA

"Customer service is pivotal and is what sets us apart from other Agencies. Attending these conferences has been a great experience. We have had a positive response from attending these events and I am excited to continue to find more opportunities to spread our message through education."

- Tracy, AEDARSA

Message from the Chief Executive Officer

It is hard to believe it has been 20 years leading this organization. When I started, we had 6,000 elevating devices and twelve staff. Today we have thirty staff, and the same amount of Administration staff managing approximately 19,000 elevating devices.

Technology and online payments have enhanced our team's efficiency. It has been a busy year in all our disciplines. Some Highlights from this year's operational plan include:

Stakeholder Engagement

AEDARSA has actively engaged with various stakeholders to ensure the safety and efficiency of elevating devices, amusement rides and passenger ropeways across Alberta. This includes consultations, seminars, education sessions and meetings with our various stakeholders:

- **AEIS (Alberta Elevator Industry Seminar):** Two-day seminar in Edmonton was held to discuss safety standards, compliance, and future initiatives to enhance safety protocols.
- **Passenger Ropeway Meetings:** Collaborative sessions with stake holders to communicate safety standards, maintenance and operating requirements including industry trends and incident reports.
- **Amusement Ride Meetings:** Engaged with Amusement Ride operators to review safety standards, maintenance and operating requirements including industry trends and incident reports.

Risk Management

AEDARSA continues to prioritize and evaluate our business operations to allow us to enhance and develop policies in the areas of Information technology, human resources, and insurance.

Record Applications and Increased Activity

The Delegated Administrative Organization (DAO) has never been busier, particularly in southern Alberta, with record applications for new and altered elevating devices being submitted daily. AEDARSA has worked tirelessly to keep up with this trend, ensuring that all applications are processed efficiently and in compliance with safety standards.

Technology Advancement and User Access oNe and oNeX

- Hundreds of hours have been spent developing our own app for AEDARSA oNe and oNeX and is being used in the Amusement Ride and Passenger Ropeway disciplines.
- The app is being assessed for security and should be ready for rollout at AEIS 2025 in Calgary.

Mentorship and Hiring Initiatives

To address the increasing demand and maintain high safety standards, AEDARSA has implemented several key initiatives:

- **Mentorship of Level 2 Safety Codes Officers:** Experienced officers have been mentoring new Level 2 Safety Codes Officers, providing them with the necessary training and guidance to perform their duties effectively.
- **Hiring of Level 1 Safety Codes Officers:** To keep up with the volume of in-service inspections, AEDARSA has hired additional Level 1 Safety Codes Officers. This has enabled us to maintain rigorous inspection schedules and ensure the continued safety of all elevating devices.

AEDARSA remains committed to ensuring the safety and reliability of elevating devices, amusement rides and passenger ropeways across Alberta.

None of this would be possible without an excellent team of resolute employees working hard to make sure Alberta is the “Gold Standard” for DAO’s.

The AEDARSA board of directors remains committed to ensuring AEDARSA has the resources to maintain our safety focus at the same time using technology to our advantage.



Gord Pattison
Chief Executive Officer, AEDARSA

Message from the Chair

The Alberta Elevating Devices & Amusement Ride Safety Association (*AEDARSA*) continues to enhance Alberta's advanced safety system in collaboration with Alberta Municipal Affairs and industry stakeholders across the province.

With the continued support of the *AEDARSA* Board of Directors, the leadership of our CEO, Gord Pattison, and the dedication of our talented team, I am confident that *AEDARSA* is effectively ensuring the safety of all Albertans as they use elevating devices, amusement rides, and passenger ropeways in their daily lives

We remain focused on delivering top-quality safety inspections and exceptional service to our customers, whether through our agency work or our delegated responsibilities. Our operational achievements have been highlighted by our CEO and this Annual Report.

Looking ahead to 2025–2026, the Board will continue to prioritize the advancement of *AEDARSA* oNeX, strengthen industry education initiatives, and continue our commitment to maintaining strong relationships with all our stakeholders.

I'd like to acknowledge and thank retired Director Harvey Lawton for his invaluable contributions over his 10 years of service on the *AEDARSA* Board. His expertise in insurance, human resources, and finance played a key role in strengthening our organization, and we are truly grateful for his dedication and impact.

As Chair, I am proud to work alongside our Board, Staff and Government partners as we continue to work to exceed the safety expectations of Albertans. *AEDARSA* remains dedicated to upholding the highest standards of excellence, openness, integrity, respect, and safety. Our unwavering commitment to these values has positioned us as a leader in the advancement of safety in Alberta.



Jamie Tiessen
Chair, *AEDARSA* Board of Directors

Report from the Secretary Treasurer

The financial records of the Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association [AEDARSA] for the fiscal year April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, have been audited by Peterson Walker LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants.

The Board has reviewed these statements, and I am pleased that our Auditor has reported our financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association [AEDARSA] as of March 31, 2025.

The results of this review is that AEDARSA operations and cash flows for the year ended have been accounted for in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Additionally, I am pleased to report that Management has met its responsibilities around preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and that financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and that all aspects of our organization are being maintained on a timely basis as reported by the CEO to the AEDARSA Board of Directors.

AEDARSA's unwavering dedication to safety over the past year is truly commendable. I want to recognize and thank the entire team for their consistent focus on protecting the well-being of Albertans.

As Treasurer, and in collaboration with the Budget, Audit & Governance Committee and the Board of Directors, I can confidently say that AEDARSA continues to uphold strong financial oversight and remains committed to maintaining fiscal integrity.

K. Thaller

Katie Thaller
Secretary Treasurer, AEDARSA

Our Governance Approach

AEDARSA's governance framework guides how we assign accountability, delegate authority, and determine resources to support and enhance our decision-making process. Our framework also helps us to ensure our organization's values are reflected in the work we do and the services we provide.

Our governance framework is based on the following:

- A diverse and qualified Board of Directors
- Clear definition of roles and responsibilities for effective decision-making
- Accountability through CEO performance and evaluation
- A commitment to communication & consultation with all stakeholders
- A focus on risk management and financial controls
- Well-defined policies and procedures



Our Board of Directors

As of March 31, 2025, AEDARSA's Board consisted of 8 Directors. Our Directors represent various sectors as guided by our bylaws. These Directors have the necessary mix of skills, experience and qualifications for proper oversight and effective decision-making. The Board believes a strategic, diverse mix of skills and expertise is critical to ensuring effective oversight of AEDARSA operations.

The Board has developed a "Director Skills Matrix" of essential skills collectively required for effective Board operations ("Director Skills Matrix"). This matrix is current to support and reflect our Board's efforts to ensure an optimal balance of skills for new Director recruitment, Director retirement or succession requirements and changing business requirements.

Board of Directors 2024 | 2025

Jamie Tiessen

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The Tiessen Group

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Vice Chair
Kone – Calgary

Katie Thaller

Secretary – Treasurer
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Director
Lyft Surfaces Inc.

Doug Slater

Director Appointed
by Minister

Rod Chisholm Memorial Bursary (AEDARSA) Recipients

Rod Chisholm was a founding director with AEDARSA. With deep roots in the ski industry and a passion for the slopes, he was an instrumental voice who helped guide the organization in its formative years. He has left an endearing and indelible legacy as someone who was always looking to give back and support others.

- AEDARSA has set up a bursary in Rod's name at Selkirk College in Nelson, BC for individuals
- seeking education within the ski industry. In February 2025, three \$1,000 bursaries were awarded
- to three deserving students. The bursary program will continue over the next 7 years.

Juan Blanco Montanez

My name is Juan Blanco, and I am a 24-year-old from Colombia. Before coming to Canada, I earned a degree in Physical Education and briefly worked as a teacher. I decided to seek new challenges abroad, which led me to Selkirk College's Ski Resort Operations and Management (SROAM) program in Nelson BC.

Moving to Canada was a life-changing experience. Adjusting to a new culture and language while pursuing higher education was challenging, but I committed myself fully to achieving success in the program. My time at Selkirk College has been a journey of personal and professional growth, where I've not only improved my knowledge of the ski industry but also adapted to Canadian life.

I am currently completing my work term at Panorama Mountain Resort, where I started as a snowmaker and have recently transitioned into grooming. This hands-on experience is deepening my understanding of ski resort operations.

I am grateful for the generous financial support I have received through this award. When I learned that I had been chosen as a recipient, I felt both honored and deeply motivated to continue pursuing my goals.

This financial assistance will significantly help me as I navigate the costs of my education and living expenses. It will also support me in the process of applying for my Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP), a crucial step toward building a career in Canada's ski industry.

This bursary not only eases the financial burden but also inspires me to work harder and make the most of the opportunities I've been given. Thank you for making a lasting impact on my journey.

Grace McMurray

My name is Grace, and I grew up skiing at Blue Mountain Resort, nestled in the local community of the Town of The Blue Mountains. This led to an obsession to be connected to the ski industry. While working relentlessly to get a job at Blue Mountain Resort, I also attended high school. I co-coached the Collingwood Lighting Girls AA hockey team. I decided to move to Whistler and pursue a career in the ski industry and began working at Whistler Blackcomb as the main Lead Hand of the Excabluir Gondola. Talking to the general managers of the ski clubs in Ontario, I discovered that the Ski Resort Operations and Management Program (SROAM) was the right fit. I have now finished my first semester in the SROM program and am already looking back at all the great memories that have been made and connections in the ski industry. I hope to join Panorma for my work term on the Lift Operations Team and eventually give back to the SROAM program.

I'd like to thank all donors who have generously donated to further the students of Selkirk College. As an SROAM student, I will be forever thankful for all those who support the students of the College as a whole. As someone who comes from a small town and has had to work hard to get to where I am today, I know it means a lot to have help from donors like you. I hope that one day when I am in a dream position in the ski industry, I will give back to the school just like the people who came before me. It is with great pleasure that I accept this award.

Lina Martin

Hi, my name is Lina Martin, and I'm from Germany. From 2019 to 2022, I lived in Canada on various work visas. After falling in love with the BC lifestyle, I decided to return to pursue the SROAM program at Selkirk College. This is my first time attending a post-secondary school, and I'm truly enjoying the experience.

I'm passionate about snowboarding, hiking, travelling, and meeting new people. Over the past few years, I've worked and travelled in many different countries. After leaving Canada in 2022, I explored Peru, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Mexico, before working in Switzerland, Iceland, and Japan. Meeting people from diverse cultures has been a beautiful experience that has helped me grow in countless ways.

Living in Nelson can sometimes be challenging due to the cost of living, but getting to snowboard at Whitewater makes it all worthwhile.

Thank you so much for awarding me this bursary.

Your generosity truly means the world to me. It's not just the financial support that I'm grateful for, but also the motivation it gives me to one day pay it forward and help others in the same way.

Thank you again for your kindness and support. It has made a significant difference in my life, and I can't express my gratitude enough.

Our Services

AEDARSA's services fall under two categories.

Delegated Services

These are regulated services that *AEDARSA* is exclusively mandated and authorized to perform by the Government of Alberta. Delegated services vary by discipline, but include reviewing and approving construction plans, conducting final construction inspections, issuing of construction and operating permits, completing investigating and reporting on all safety-related incidents.

AEDARSA is also mandated to provide *Technical Advice and Education* to industry stakeholders, to keep the industry apprised of changes to safety codes and regulations. (To learn more, see page 24.)

Accredited Agency Services

These inspection services are *specific to in-service inspections* on elevating devices. They can be provided by any company or organization that is accredited to perform these services. *AEDARSA* provides these services on a competitive basis, and given our experience and expertise is the market leader. (See page 25).

Core Programs & Goals

Most of AEDARSA's core programs are delegated administrative functions. The exception is AEDARSA as an Accredited Agency, which competes with other Agencies to provide in-service inspections on elevating devices. All programs are intended to promote the safety of persons in their use of and contact with elevating devices, amusement rides and passenger ropeways (ski lifts).

All Delegated Programs have met the performance measures.

Delegated Goals

Core Service	Performance Measured
1.1.1 Plans Review & Acceptance (Issue Permits of Construction & Major Alteration)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 100% Design Compliance with Applicable Code/Regulation or equivalency provided (variance granted) 2. Issue Permits within 10 days of receipt of Application
1.1.2 Acceptance Inspections and Tests (before placed in service)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 100% of new or altered devices are installed and perform in accord with accepted plans and applicable code with deficiencies addressed through directives issued
1.1.3 Issue Permits of Operation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Issue permits & invoices for 100% of devices in operation April 1 each year 2. Follow up on 100% of overdue payments within 60 days of due date
1.1.3.1 Issue Safety Inspection Notices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 100% notification of required inspections 2. Notify 100% of owners per the inspection schedule, on the 1st day of the 1st month of each quarter (3 months in advance of inspection due dates) 3. Receive, record & follow up on 100% of overdue inspection reports within 30 days of the due date 4. Obtain 100% of inspection reports due within the year of their due dates
1.1.4 Incident Investigation & Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commence investigative actions immediately upon notification of every fatal and serious injury incident 2. Review of all non-fatal incidents reported within 1 day, categorize and assign priority for investigation or no investigation per applicable policy 3. Investigate minor and equipment damage incidents reported where the report indicates required safety, device might have prevented it 4. Eliminate 100% of immediate hazards 5. Reports prepared must be 100% factual 6. Reports prepared must be 100% related to incident circumstances, findings and causes 7. Follow up and receive and record verification that 100% of directives issued are completed
1.1.5 Technical Education and Advice	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a satisfactory level of support and assistance to Alberta Municipal Affairs 2. Participate in 100% of reviews of proposed code and regulation change reviews affecting AEDARSA's mandated functions and devices administered 3. Provide code interpretations as satisfactory to meet Owners, Contractors, Architects needs 4. Information provided must be code compliant 5. Provide responses within 2 days 6. Provide satisfactory levels of education and advice as may be necessary or advisable to those segments of industry in a position to effect improvements

Delegated Services

Incident Reports and Investigations (all disciplines)

All incident reports received by AEDARSA are evaluated to determine if an investigation may be required. Investigations are conducted when there is any indication that safety equipment, devices or procedures should have prevented the occurrence. The goal is to determine the cause of the incident and to prevent re-occurrences.



Reports Received and Evaluated

The AEDARSA office received 215 incident reports over the past operating year. This resulted in on-site investigations involving reported injuries, equipment damage, or any indications that safety issues might continue to occur due to faulty equipment.

Incidents Reported Were Related To



Elevating Devices

Investigation Results Summary

There were 176 incident reports received resulting in 80 onsite investigations. Five (5) were classified as serious or fell into the serious injury category (required medical treatment), but no fatalities.



Passenger Ropeways

Investigation Results Summary

Thirty-five (35) incident reports were received resulting in 2 onsite investigations. Zero (0) were classified in the serious injury category (required medical treatment), but no fatalities.



Amusement Rides

Investigation Results Summary

There were 16 incident reports received resulting in 1 onsite investigation, with zero (0) classified in the serious injury category (required medical treatment), but no fatalities.



Elevating Devices

Functions, Activities & Performance Measures



Delegated Services

Annual permits of operation are issued in accordance with Alberta Regulations. They are used for tracking purposes in relation to current addresses and owners of new and existing devices and their operational status. Permit-related records are constantly updated based on information received in an effort to ensure the accuracy of data used for subsequent notifications about safety inspections required. This is done in accordance with applicable provincial policies and regulations, to validate the permits issued.



Safety Inspection Notices Issued, Inspections Recorded

AEDARSA ensures that safety inspections (in-service inspections) on existing installations are carried out as recommended by the Safety Codes Council. This is every two years on most elevators and yearly on certain elevating devices such as escalators, barrier-free lifts and manlifts. These in-service inspections are required annually on amusement rides and passenger ropeways that operate in the province.

For manageability purposes and to provide opportunities for cost savings to owners in rural centres, AEDARSA issues inspection notices in batches to building owners in specific areas of the province in three-month intervals (January, April, July and October). To provide ample time to make necessary arrangements, owners are provided three months to complete the in-service inspections by an agency before AEDARSA begins follow-up actions to obtain inspection reports that have not yet been received.

Inspection Notices were issued requesting in-service inspections for 10,674 devices between April 1 and March 31.

On overdue inspection(s), follow-up actions are implemented commencing 15 days after their due date.

Permits of Operation were issued to Owners or Managers of 10,227 buildings, authorizing the operation of 18,431 elevating devices.



Plans Review

AEDARSA reviews design plans for all proposed new installations and major alterations of existing equipment. This is done to ensure that qualified professionals design the equipment. In addition, the plan review ensures that designs comply with the most current applicable Alberta Regulations and/or provincially adopted safety codes.

This is accomplished through AEDARSA's design review program and subsequent issuance of Permits of Construction & Major Alteration.

Acceptance Inspections Performed

AEDARSA conducts acceptance inspections and tests of new and altered installations prior to their being placed into service or returned to active service. This program is intended to provide reasonable assurance that devices are installed in accordance with accepted plans, applicable codes and regulations.

Elevating Device	Construction	Major Alterations
Elevators	560	523
Escalators	17	3
Dumbwaiters	3	0
Barrier Free Lift	112	0
Manlifts	1	1
Freights	8	24
Personnel Hoists	47	0
Speed Ramps	0	0
Speed Walks	0	0
Funicular	0	0
Total	748	551

Elevating Device Permits Issued

Elevating Device	Construction	Major Alterations
Elevators	375	357
Escalators	10	8
Dumbwaiters	1	0
Barrier Free Lift	91	2
Manlifts	1	4
Freights	6	8
Personnel Hoists	14	0
Speed Ramps	0	0
Speed Walks	0	0
Funicular	0	0
Total	498	379

Applications for Special Inspections (Elevators)

The category of *Special Inspections* captures all elevator inspection-related work that does not appear on the permit list. This includes inspections related to cab enclosures, door replacements and more. Over the past year of operations, AEDARSA received 311 applications for Special Inspections, performing 555 in total.

Elevating Device	Applications for Specials	Special Inspections Performed
Elevators	311	555

Delegated Services

Passenger Ropeways



Functions, Activities & Performance Measures

Annual permits of operation are issued in accordance with Alberta Regulations. They are used for tracking purposes in relation to current addresses and owners of new and existing amusement rides and their operational status. Permit-related records are constantly updated based on information received in an effort to ensure the accuracy of data used for subsequent notifications about safety inspections required. This is done in accordance with applicable provincial policies and regulations, to validate the permits issued.

150
Lifts in Operating
Status

Passenger Ropeways

Application for Permits of Operation were sent to 38 Passenger Ropeway Operators, with 150 lifts in Operating status.

Permits of Operation were issued to 37 Passenger Ropeway Operators covering 150 ski lifts that were operated within the province.

Safety Inspection Notices Issued, Inspections Recorded

AEDARSA ensures that safety inspections are carried out as recommended by the Safety Codes Council. These safety inspections are required annually on passenger ropeways.

Plans Review

AEDARSA reviews design plans for all proposed new ski lifts and major alterations of existing ski lifts. This is done to ensure that qualified professionals design the ski lift. In addition, the plan review ensures that designs comply with the most current applicable Alberta Regulations and/or provincially adopted safety codes.

This is accomplished through AEDARSA's design review program.



Acceptance Inspections Performed

AEDARSA conducts acceptance inspections and tests of new and altered ski lifts prior to their being placed in service or returned to active service. This program is intended to provide reasonable assurance that the ski lifts are installed in accordance with accepted plans, applicable codes and regulations. The inspections ensure that all safety equipment and devices function properly, in accordance with codes – and that proper installation practices have been followed.

There were 7 acceptance inspections performed this year.

Passenger Ropeways – Delegated In-Service Inspections

As part of our Delegated In-Service Inspections, AEDARSA inspected the procedures and records of 37 Passenger Ropeways Operators and inspected 150 ski lifts in total.

Passenger Ropeways – Special Inspections

AEDARSA performed 0 special inspections on ski lifts that included changing of status or non-operating verification.

Passenger Ropeways Permit of Construction / Major Alterations

2
New
Constructions

5
Major
Alterations

7
Total

Delegated Services

Amusement Rides



Functions, Activities & Performance Measures

- Annual permits of operation are issued in accordance with Alberta Regulations. They are used for tracking purposes in relation to current addresses and owners of new and existing amusement rides and their operational status. Permit-related records are constantly updated based on information received, in an effort to ensure the accuracy of data used for subsequent notifications about safety inspections required. This is done in accordance with applicable provincial policies and regulations to validate the permits issued.



Amusement Rides

Applications for Permits of Operation were issued to 133 Amusement Ride Operators, covering 434 rides.

Permits of Operation were issued to 59 Amusement Ride Operators covering 409 rides operated within the province.

Safety Inspection Notices Issued, Inspections Recorded

AEDARSA ensures that safety inspections are carried out as recommended by the Safety Codes Council.

These safety inspections are required annually on amusement rides.

Plans Review

AEDARSA reviews design plans for all proposed new rides and major alterations of existing rides. This is done to ensure that qualified professionals design the ride. In addition, the plan review ensures that designs comply with the most current applicable Alberta Regulations and/or provincially adopted safety codes.

This is accomplished through AEDARSA's design review program.

Acceptance Inspections Performed

AEDARSA conducts acceptance inspections and tests of new and altered rides prior to their being placed in service or returned to active service. This program is intended to provide reasonable assurance that the amusement rides are installed in accordance with accepted plans, applicable codes and regulations. The inspections ensure that all safety equipment and devices function properly in accordance with codes, and that proper installation practices have been followed.

There were 76 acceptance inspections performed this year.



Amusement Rides – Delegated In-Service Inspections

AEDARSA inspected the procedures and records of 59 Amusement Ride Operators and inspected 409 rides in total.

Amusement Rides – Special Inspections

AEDARSA performed seven (7) special inspections on amusement rides that included changing of status or non-operating verification.



There were 76 amusement ride plans reviewed.

Delegated Services

Technical Advice and Education

External

- AEDARSA Safety Codes Officers (SCOs) interact daily with engineers, architects, elevating device contractors, tradesmen, safety codes officers, building owners and managers and government officials providing technical advice on codes and regulations concerning elevating devices and their practical application.
- AEDARSA's website is continuously being updated with information and easier access.
- AEDARSA has made presentations at trade shows providing education on the roles of Government, the *Safety Codes Act* & Regulations at the following locations:
 - Boma Edmonton
 - Safety Expo - City of Calgary
 - Calgary Apartment Association
 - Canada West Ski Areas Association
 - Edmonton Apartment Association
 - Elevator Companies
 - Hosted online stakeholder engagement sessions
 - C-ERA Property Management
 - Calgary Airport
 - AEIS
 - NAESA
 - Elevator Subcouncil
 - Passenger Ropeway Subcouncil
 - Amusement Rides Subcouncil

Internal

Over the past year AEDARSA provided staff education through formal courses, seminars, mentoring and participation on committees including the following:

- *Safety Codes Act* Interpretation and Application courses to SCO trainees
- AEDARSA assisted SCO training on B44 Elevator and other Device Codes
- In-house training for SCOs on AEDARSA QMPs, Administrative and inspection policies and procedures manuals, inspection checklists, practices and related code requirements
- ACSA Auditor Training Program
- ACSA Confined Space Entry Awareness
- Construction Association Safety Courses
- QEI/NAESA Programs
- ASME Committee
- CSA Committee
- EESF Committee
- NAARSO Training Seminar – Toronto
- ASTM Amusement Ride Harmonization Committee
- AASP Accident Investigation Course
- NDT Training Course

Accredited Agency Services

AEDARSA's Agency provided in-service inspection services throughout the farthest reaches and remote areas of the province: from Manning and Worsley in the north to Waterton Lakes in the south and west to Ram River and Jasper and east to Cyprus Hills and Acadia Valley.

Core Service	Performance Measures
Elevating Devices In-Service Inspections	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Clients are satisfied with service provided2. Directives issued can be supported by applicable codes or regulations3. Owners verification of directives completed forms to be recorded within 10 days of receipt at AEDARSA's office4. Follow-up procedures to be implemented regarding overdue verifications within 30 days after due date

- 11,011 notices of inspections were sent out in 2024. 9,104 in-service inspections were conducted by
- AEDARSA inspectors to ensure devices are maintained, in reasonably safe operating condition, and
- are in compliance with standards.

Organization Chart

Board of Directors

Jamie, Graham, Andrew, Ryan, Brian, Katie, Doug

Chief Executive Officer

Gord

Manager Finance & Administration

Angela

Technical Manager

Al

Manager PR AR

Rob

Administrative Project Coordinators

Sandra (South) Robin (North)

Safety Inspection Administrators

Tracy (South) Charlene (North)

Safety Codes Officers

South

Glen, Neal, Tyler, Chris, Scott,
Mike P, Mike H, Mitch, Doug, Colin

North

Leo, Dan, Mike, Marcin, Robbie,
Kacey, Phil, Jason, Mat, Grant

Appendix

Society Membership as of March 31, 2025

Bambrough & Associates
Jim Brownlee

Calalta Amusements Ltd
Bob Williams

City of Edmonton
Katie Thaller

Edmonton Elevator Services Corp
Jean Boucher

Encore Elevator
Graham Fitzsimmons

Fujitec
Ashley Phillips

Hayes Elevator (Calgary) Inc.
Jason Cooper

Hidden Valley Ski Area
Pius Hordes

International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 130
Mike Savole

Jasper Skytram Ltd.
Todd Noble

KJA Consultants Inc
Scott Harvey

KONE, Inc.
Andrew Cross

Lyft Surfaces
Ryan Couture

Middlemiss-Meyer Elevator Interiors
Brad Middlemiss

Ministerial Appointee
Doug Slater

Misery Mtn c/o Peace River Ski Club
Etienne Schaffert

Otis Canada
Jonathan Dube

R.F. Hauser
Bob Hauser

Rabbit Hill Ski Centre
James Sutherland

Ram Manufacturing Ltd
Alex Kuebel

Schindler Elevator Corporation
John Devine
Jason Finch

Ski Banff @ Norquay
Andre Quenneville

Snow Valley Ski Club
Marlin Van Zandt

Sunshine Village
Dave Armstrong
Kristian Haagard

The Tiessen Group
Jamie Tiessen

TK Elevator
Peter Martin
Brian Twa

Vinspec Ltd
John Simpkin

West Edmonton Mall
Brian Mykitiuk

Wildrose Shows
Michael Krysanowski

Winsport Canada
Mike Tanner





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