



### Elevator Program News

#### New Inspection Frequency Rules

On October 1, 2006, Phase One of House Bill 2180 went into effect. These rules require biennial operating inspections for all elevator equipment and **annual** inspections for the following:

- Escalators
- Inclined elevators
- Belt manlifts
- Moving walks

In late 2007, Phase Two of HB 2180 takes effect, moving some equipment onto a three-year inspection cycle. Operating permits must be renewed annually.

#### Scheduling inspections

Inspections are scheduled through the Salem office. To schedule an inspection, call (503) 378-1298 or e-mail Fran Thomas at [Frances.D.Thomas@state.or.us](mailto:Frances.D.Thomas@state.or.us).

#### Timeframes

##### *New inspections:*

- Seven days advance notice

##### *Reinspections:*

- 48-hours' notice

##### *Cancellations:*

- 24-hours' notice

#### Inspection request requirements

Contractors must provide:

- Site name
- Physical address
- Permit number

#### Contacts

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#### Elevator Chief Recruitment

BCD is recruiting for the position of chief elevator inspector. The application and details about the position are available at [Jobs with BCD](#). Grant Zadow is serving as the interim chief elevator inspector and program representative to the Electrical and Elevator Board. He replaces Nick Souza, whose service as interim chief was greatly appreciated by the division. Grant has over 40 years' experience in the electrical industry and is certified as both an elevator and electrical inspector. Ron Crabtree is the assistant chief elevator inspector.

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#### New Online Inspection Calendar

The Elevator and Amusement Ride Program section of the [BCD Web site](#) ([bcd.Oregon.gov](http://bcd.Oregon.gov), then go to "Code Programs" then "Elevator") now posts a calendar displaying scheduled inspections, their locations, and the assigned inspector.

As an additional improvement, all BCD elevator inspectors are now able to perform all categories of elevator inspections. This change provides greater flexibility in scheduling inspections.

#### Inspection preparation and requests

Both contractors and inspectors face heavy workloads, tight schedules and unforeseen problems. To help ensure that industry is best served, an elevator program rule, OAR 918-400-00600(3), allows an inspector to discontinue an inspection if equipment is not ready at the scheduled inspection time. This allows for service to customers who are prepared for an inspection.

To avoid a discontinued inspection, contractors must have the following basic fire, life, and safety equipment ready for inspection when the inspector arrives:

- Shunt trip
- Smoke detectors
- Heat detectors
- Phone

