

## Further Information

Thorough examination is to be performed at least:

- every 6 years for lifts located at workplaces
- and
- every 10 years for lifts not located at workplaces.

Alternatively, thorough examinations are to be performed when an accident or important modification to the lift occurs.

### 4 The Lift Preventive Inspection

On the other hand, a preventive inspection has the aim of:

- inspecting the safety features of the lift
- ensuring their proper functioning
- detecting any defects that develop during the use or misuse of the lift.

Preventive inspections have to be performed at least:

- every 6 months on lifts installed in workplaces
- while for lifts not installed at workplaces, the preventive inspection shall be performed every 12 months.

***So, what are you waiting for? Register your lift to regularize it***



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## Inspection of Lifts Regulations



***Did you know that...***

...within the European Union there are at present approximately 2.85 million elevators in operation, of which around 70% are older than 10 years and 45% are more than 20 years old?

... incidents involving elevators kill about 30 and seriously injure about 17,100 people each year in the United States?

... most of the elevator-related deaths could have been prevented if adequate maintenance and inspection procedures had been in place in the involved buildings?

## The Inspection of Lifts Regulations applies to...

- Lifts installed before 1st July 2002 - identified as 'existing lifts'.
- Lifts installed after 1st July 2002 - identified as 'new lifts'.
- Lifts installed in workplaces.
- Lifts installed in condominiums or domestic residences.

By the term lift we mean "an appliance serving specific levels, having a car moving along guides which are rigid and inclined at an angle of more than 15 degrees to the horizontal and intended for the transport of:

- persons,
- persons and goods,
- goods alone if the car is accessible, that is to say, a person may enter it without difficulty, and fitted with controls situated inside the car or within reach of a person inside."

Therefore, for example, lifts intended for the transport of goods only with a car that is inaccessible to persons, are not subject to these regulations. But still inspection of such lifts should be carried out as instructed by the manufacturer.



## The obligations...

### 1 The Lift Registration

In the case of existing lifts, the responsible person is required to register the lift with the Malta Standards Authority. This registration is required as from 1st January 2009.

In the case of new lifts, it is the installer who is required to register the lift with the Malta Standards Authority. This registration is required as from 1st January 2008.



### 2 The selection of an ACAB

Once that registration has been completed, a list with the designated ACABs will be given to the responsible person. The responsible person is then to choose one of these ACABs, which will be responsible for the assessing, inspecting and reporting of the registered lift.

An ACAB is a body designated by the Malta Standards Authority to carry out thorough examinations and periodic inspections, on lifts as specified in the "Inspection of Lifts Regulations". ACABs are required to be impartial, technically and legally competent and must follow a special training course organized by the Malta Standards Authority.

### 3 The Lift Thorough Inspection

A thorough examination is a systematic and detailed examination of the lift with the aim of:

- improving the safety of the lift to
  - acceptable level
  - identify serious risks which will require
  - immediate attention
- identify possible lift upgrades which will enhance lift safety.

If your lift is a 'new lift' then you are deemed to have already performed your first thorough inspection, at the date of installation.

If your lift is an 'existing lift' then you are to perform the first thorough examination as indicated in the table below:

Put into service	Execution of thorough examination
Up to 31st December, 1969	At the latest until 31st December, 2009
From 1st January, 1970 up to 31st December, 1979	At the latest until 31st December, 2010
From 1st January, 1980 up to 31st December, 1999	At the latest until 31st December, 2012
From 1st January, 2000 up to 1st July, 2002	At the latest until 31st December, 2013