Elevators/Escalators Exposed to Flooding and Water Damage

Excessive rainfall has resulted in severe flooding in buildings across southern Alberta. The owner of a building that has experienced water damage or flooding to the Elevator/Escalator hoistway, machine room or any equipment related to the operation of Elevator/Escalator must have an inspection performed by Elevator Personal/Qualified Person prior to public service.

There can be unforeseen equipment damage as a result of flooding even though the Elevator/Escalator appears to be operating normally. The safety equipment in question needs to be inspected by a qualified person to ensure that it will perform when called upon.

Examples of Equipment that may be compromised by flooding:

- Limit switches (pit)
- Buffers (pit)
- Governor Rope (hoistway)
- Travelers
- Compensation Equipment (pit)
- Hydraulic Equipment (machine room, pit)
- Basement Elevator Control Rooms
- Escalators (truss, pit)

The Building owner is responsible to take precautions to ensure no person is exposed to undue risk from the operation of their equipment. If you have questions regarding this notice or the safe operation of your elevating device, please contact Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association (AEDARSA) at 403-216-5750.

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For more information, please call 1-866-421-6929 or visit www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca.

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