

Elevator Article

Rulemaking

The department reviewed the elevator rules for additions and revisions. The elevator rules are periodically reviewed to ensure the rules are consistent with the national consensus standards, industry practice, and to clarify the rules.

Please visit the L&I website for a copy of the proposed rules:
<http://www.lni.wa.gov/rules/AO04/50/0450Proposal.pdf>

The public hearing will be held October 25th beginning at 1:00 pm at Department of Labor and Industries, Tukwila Service Location.

Re-inspections

Customer service is part of our business and we strive to maintain and achieve a balance of annual inspections to new equipment inspections. Our mandate is to perform annual inspections. We are also required to perform new equipment inspections prior to release for public use.

The program has noticed new equipment re-inspection rate is greater than 100 percent, which equates to lost time for the inspection department, elevator companies, and missed opening dates.

Elevator companies are required to download and check and fill out the form called Contractors responsibility on new installations. The completed form needs to be available at the jobsite along with the elevator permit. You can find the form on the department's website: <http://www.lni.wa.gov/FormPub/Detail.asp?DocID=1834>.

If an elevator company has a first time failure rate greater than 30 percent, the department will require the form to be complete and submitted to the inspectors' supervisor. The inspectors' supervisor will then schedule the inspection between the elevator company and the inspector.

Thank you,

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