

THE LIFT AND ESCALATOR INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (LEIA)

This Information Sheet gives an outline of the Association, its management and committee structure.

LEIA was founded on 1 January 1997 through a merger of the British Lift Association (BLA) and the National Association of Lift Makers (NALM). It is the representative body for those companies supplying and maintaining lifts, escalators, passenger conveyors, stairlifts, lifting platforms and service lifts and component parts for such products. Companies are required to satisfy specific criteria relating to financial stability, technical competence and safety standards in order to obtain membership.

The Association has a Council on which all Members are represented. The Council appoints a Management Board each year which is authorised to act on its behalf in dealing with all such matters as may be expedient in the interests of the effective management of the Associations affairs.

There are five further permanent Committees appointed annually from representatives nominated by member companies. These meet on a regular basis throughout the year.

The Quality and Technical Committee	is responsible for all work relating to Standards and this involves representation on many British Standards Institute and international committees such as those of the European Standards Committee (CEN) and the International Standards Organisation (ISO). The Quality and Technical Committee initiates many of the draft Standards concerned with lifts, escalators etc. which, after wider consultation, become British and European Standards
The Contracts & Legal Committee	is concerned with a wide variety of contractual issues, the standard forms of contract issued by the Joint Contracts Tribunal as well as the LEIA Forms for use within the lift and escalator industry. Also a number of commercial/contractual issues emanating from various European Directives. The Committee is a member of the Specialist Engineering Contractors Group (SECG) which provides an interface with those organisations representing such as heating and ventilating and electrical contracting creating a forum for debate on matters of mutual interest. The Committee is also responsible for overseeing the LEIA Indices and Daywork Rates and for the production of a range of Information Sheets for members.
The Education and Training Committee	has responsibility for the LEIA Distance Learning Course and for all areas of activity relating to education and training. This includes the setting of standards for vocational training in conjunction with Semta, the Sector Skills Council for Science, Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies. Much of the activity undertaken is under the sponsorship of the LEIA Educational Trust set up to promote standards of education and training in the Lift and Escalator Industry.

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The Safety and Environment Committee	is concerned with all areas relating to the environment and health and safety and relevant legislation. The Committee keeps an overview on the industry's safety performance and accident record with a view to seeking improvements in safety standards wherever possible. It also produces a series of Information Sheets and Newsletters which are circulated to members from time to time and holds regular Safety Forum meetings for Members.
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Other ad-hoc Committees meet as required:

Personal Lift Group	is concerned with all codes, technical and legal aspects of stairlifts, lifting platforms and service lifts.
The Exhibition Committee	meets to oversee the arrangements for the LIFTEX Exhibition which takes place every three years. It also has a role in reviewing and advising upon other exhibitions taking place around the world and the promotion of the good name of the industry and its products in every possible way.
The Membership Committee	does not exist for the purpose of considering applications for membership. These are usually reviewed initially by the Management Board, which makes a recommendation to Council. The Membership Committee would be involved where there may be concerns that an applicant does not wholly comply with the terms of the Association's Constitution, or where an existing member might be in breach of the same Constitution. This Committee, like all Committees, reports to the Management Board and Council on a regular basis.

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