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To: All Members  
Quality and Technical Committee (Code No. 704)

Dear Sir or Madam:

**LEIA SAFETY UPDATE**

Please find enclosed for your attention the September 2006 Safety Update.

If any members would like to receive this Update electronically please contact the LEIA office or the undersigned with the relevant contact email address.

**HSE SAFETY ALERT**

Please find attached a HSE Safety Alert following a fatality during lift refurbishment, this was issued on the 22 August 2006.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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## **HSE SAFETY ALERT ISSUED FOLLOWING FATALITY DURING LIFT REFURBISHMENT**

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has issued a safety alert to those involved with lift installation and refurbishment. The alert follows a fatal injury on Wednesday 21 June 2006 to a lift engineer during the refurbishment of an existing electric traction lift in central London.

The incident occurred while the lift car was being supported on temporary suspension arrangements. Those arrangements failed and resulted in the death of the engineer working on the lift.

HSE's warning is aimed at all lift owners, those who control premises where lifts are installed and refurbished, and those managing or undertaking this and similar work. The alert reminds them of the importance of providing and maintaining suitable arrangements for the temporary support of lift cars. HSE recommends that those arrangements be reviewed immediately to take into account:

- The adequacy of risk assessments and method statements to ensure that the lift car is always adequately supported, and where it is suspended, there is a secondary means of support.
- The training and competence of those involved in such work.
- Compliance with the requirements of "Approved Code of Practice and Guidance – Safe use of lifting equipment – Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998" (LOLER) L113, ISBN 0 7176 1628 2 available from HSE Books [www.hsebooks.com](http://www.hsebooks.com), priced £8.00.
- Reference to BS 7255:2001 "Code of practice for safe working on lifts".

HSE inspectors are continuing their investigation into the circumstances of this fatal incident. Any further lessons to be learned will be made public as necessary.

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