



# 10 OWNER ESSENTIALS

or answers to frequently asked questions



# 1 Regular maintenance

Statutory requirement to maintain:

work equipment (PUWER)

fire safety (evacuation and firefighting lifts) – RRO

equipment under the control of an employer - HASAWA

Why?

Safety for users and workers

ensure it is available when required

How often?

Depends on age of equipment, usage, environment...

## 2 Thorough examination

Statutory requirement for lifts used as work equipment (LOLER)  
HSE: “reasonably practicable” to be applied elsewhere

Why?

Independent check of safety – not the same as maintenance

How often?

Every 6 months for lifts carrying people (12 months good only) or by written scheme of examination

Who?

“Competent person” who is suitably independent  
SAFed (Safety Assessment Federation) represents many

Insurance options

[LEIA Lift Owner News](#) for further guidance

# 3 Safety at lift landing doors

New lifts to BS EN 81-20 have:

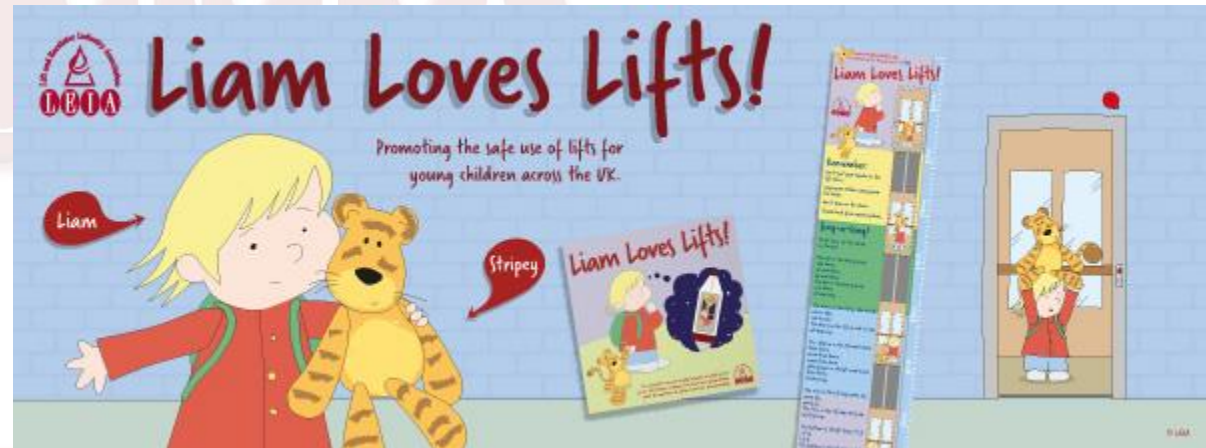
- Full height passenger detectors

- Risk reduction for dragging children's hands on glass doors

Existing lifts:

- Fit detectors

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# 4 Escalator safety

Escalators move huge numbers of people safely every day

Obvious hazards for unsupervised children

What to do?

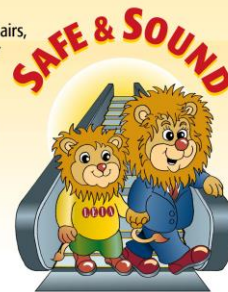
Basic checks in Annex D of: [LEIA CoPfm](#)

Regular maintenance and inspection

More information: [Safe & Sound](#)

## Take care on Escalators and Moving Walks

- Step on and off carefully
- Hold the handrail and the hand of any young children with you
- Always stand and face forward
- Keep hands, feet and clothing clear of moving parts
- Always wear shoes – but be careful with rubber footwear
- Take care with loose clothing and shoe laces
- Never sit down
- Do not take push chairs, shopping trolleys or large packages on escalators
- Do not play on or with escalators and moving walks



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# 5 Alarm systems and telephone lines

Fitted to all new lifts since July 1999 and many older lifts

Typically use telephone line to connect to rescue service or could be GSM

Keep the link working – easy to check this

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## 6 Release of trapped passengers

Recent accidents highlight concern with release by non-lift personnel

Mostly release is best done by trained lift personnel

If non-lift personnel to undertake release, they must be trained for the type of lift and their competence assessed

Recommendations in BS 7255; Code of practice for safe working on lifts

[LEIA Safety Information Sheet](#) based on HSE guidance

# 7 Use of door unlocking keys

Recent accidents and incidents highlight concern with uncontrolled/inappropriate use

Unlocking key and label provided with new lift or lifting platform

Use of the key should be controlled and only given to those trained and competent

[Lift Owner News](#) based on HSE bulletin





# 8 Survey your equipment - safety

Standards provide survey tables for safety of existing equipment:

Lifts – BS EN 81-80

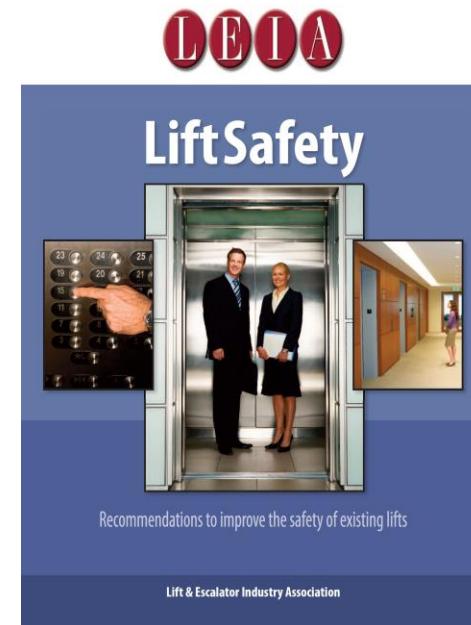
Escalators – BS EN 115-2

Standards intended for owners, maintainers and inspections bodies

Guidance on improvement of safety:

[Lift Safety Recommendations](#)

[Escalator Safety Recommendations](#)



# 9 Survey your lift - accessibility

Standard provides survey tables and scoring methodology for various improvements in accessibility of existing lifts – DD CEN/TS 81-82

Standards intended for owners, maintainers and inspections bodies

Guidance on improvement of accessibility:

[Is your lift safe, accessible and easy to use?](#)





# 10 More information

[LEIA Newsletter](#) launched in 2015

Earlier [Lift Owner News](#)

[LEIA Code of Practice for Maintenance](#)

Intended to be applied by mutual agreement between client and maintainer

British Standards for safe working recommendations for both owners and workers:

BS 7255 (lifts)

BS 7801 (escalators and moving walks)

BS 9102 (lifting platforms)



Thanks for listening

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