



# LEIA Safety Information Sheet Trespassers

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## SAFETY INFORMATION SHEET

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#### Preamble

This Information Sheet is one of a series produced by LEIA Safety and Environment Committee on topics relevant to the Lift and Escalator Industry. Whilst every effort has been taken in the production of these sheets, it must be acknowledged that they should be read in conjunction with the relevant legislation, codes of practice etc. They should not be taken as an authoritative interpretation of the law but guidance to it.

#### Introduction

Lift owners and others occupying a building have a responsibility to everyone in a building, even to uninvited trespassers.

#### Videos Circulating on YouTube

LEIA has become aware of videos available on YouTube showing an individual gaining access to premises - typically office and residential premises and unoccupied buildings, and undertaking hazardous and irresponsible activity, including riding on lift car tops and balance weights, and interfering with the controller.

There are clear safety implications for the perpetrator and others who may imitate him, particularly the young or impressionable. There could also be danger created for lift users and those working on lifts, following his visits should he have tampered with the control system.

Although those involved in this type of activity may be at risk of criminal and civil proceedings should an incident occur as a result of this unsafe behaviour, lift owners and managers have a responsibility in law to consider the safety of third parties that might be at risk from this type of activity.

Efforts by LEIA and others have proved unsuccessful in getting these videos removed, and both the Police and HSE are unable to take action.

In view of this situation, we would urge lift owners and those responsible for building security, to be aware of the activities of this individual and take appropriate steps to safeguard the security of their buildings, in particular the lifts and lift machine rooms.

Suitable security measures would include:

- Visible security presence
- CCTV
- Keeping lift machine rooms securely locked
- Keeping all lift release keys in a safe, secure location.

If you become aware of unauthorised access to your lift or lifting equipment, you should report this to the Police. You should also make aware the maintenance provider and others working on the lift such as inspectors, and arrange to check that there is no damage or unauthorised changes.

You should also consider if improvements to your lift would be appropriate, as contained within BS EN81-71:2005 Vandal Resistant Lifts.

As an occupier of a building, you may be aware of the Occupiers Liability Act 1984 and the duty of care of occupiers to those who enter a building – even uninvited trespassers.

**References:**

YouTube videos (with locations)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/benobve>

Occupiers Liability Act 1984

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/3/introduction>

BS EN81-71:2005 Safety rules for the construction and installation of lifts - Particular applications to passenger lifts and goods passenger lifts. Part 71: Vandal resistant lifts

<https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail?pid=000000000030162527>