



SAFETY NOTICE



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Safety Code for Personnel Hoists – Elevators and Lifts - CSA Z185:23 Adoption

Legal information

[Elevators and Lifts General Regulations](#)

Summary

Following a 30-day Call for Comment period from December 2, 2024, to January 2, 2025, the CSA Z185:23 has been adopted as of April 30, 2025.

This standard applies to structures and hoists that are not a permanent part of the building, structure, or other works, and that are used during construction, alteration, or demolition to raise and lower persons and/or materials connected with or related to a building project.

This standard covers the design, construction, installation, maintenance, operation, and acceptance inspection and testing of personnel hoists.

Key changes:

In addition to recognizing new technologies in the design of motion controls, the following key changes have been made to:

- Enhance maintenance and operational requirements.
- Detail maintenance activities described in Annex A, including manufacturers' requirements inspection frequencies and enhanced maintenance program guidelines.

- Ensure hoist operator training certificates and records are maintained.
- Designate the owner as the responsible party for ensuring compliance with standards, certification, and operation by qualified personnel.
- Maintain onsite operation, maintenance, and alteration records, with digital records subject to approval by the Nova Scotia Chief Elevator Inspector.
- Establish non-destructive testing frequencies for critical hoist components.

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