

**Registered lift contractor prosecuted for lift incident at Shin Mei House, Fu Shin Estate, Tai Po**

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Prosecution has been brought against a registered lift contractor, ThyssenKrupp Elevator (HK) Limited (ThyssenKrupp), for lift maintenance issue at Fu Shin Estate, Tai Po, a spokesman for the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) said today (13 November).

A lift maintenance worker of ThyssenKrupp was found to have failed to install a safety barrier in front of the opened landing door to prevent injury to any person while he was carrying out lift works for a lift at 12/F, Shin Mei House, Fu Shin Estate on 14 May 2009. Following investigation, EMSD submitted the investigation findings to the Director of Public Prosecutions, Department of Justice on 24 August 2009 for consideration.

The Judiciary served two summonses to ThyssenKrupp Elevator (HK) Limited under the Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance Cap.327 for the following two contraventions:

- failed to carry out lift works in accordance with the provisions of the Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance, contravening s11J(1)(d) of Cap.327; and

- failed to ensure adequate safety precautions were taken in carrying out lift works, contravening s11J(1)(e) of Cap.327.

An EMSD spokesman said that any person who commits any of the above offences shall be liable on conviction to a fine of \$5,000 and to imprisonment of six months. The case will be heard in Shatin Magistrates' Courts on 4 January 2010.

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