

EMSD investigates lift incident at Prospect Building, Nathan Road

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) is investigating a lift incident at Prospect Building in Nathan Road this morning (December 13) which involved failure of a spring in an overspeed governor.

The department received a report from Fire Services Department at around 7:30am today about a lift entrapment incident at Prospect Building, 491-493, Nathan Road. EMSD officers conducted an on-site investigation immediately.

Preliminary findings revealed that a spring in the overspeed governor broke, causing activation of the overspeed governor. As a result, the safety gear activated and caused the lift to be suddenly stopped. A passenger inside the lift lost balance and fell to the floor, and suffered minor injuries. The concerned lift ceased operation immediately.

Chun Ming Elevator Company Limited is the maintenance contractor of the lift concerned. The last annual examination of the lift was conducted on October 23, 2009.

To ensure public safety, the lift maintenance contractor has conducted a safety check on the other lift in the building, and confirmed its safe operation.

The maintenance contractor is required to submit an incident report to the EMSD within seven working days (before December 22).

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