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Dear Sirs,

Safety precautions for working on lifts

Further to my letter dated 28.12.82 advising on the safety precautions to be taken for working on lifts, please be informed that at the conclusion of a recent inquiry in a fatal lift accident, the coroner added riders/recommendations to the verdict of 'Accidental Death'. The riders/recommendations which are in line with my above letter read as follows:

1. No lift apprentice shall be allowed to work independently without the direct supervision of a competent supervisor;
2. No lift serviceman shall be normally allowed to work alone;
3. A warning notice, that the control switch must be in "inspection" position before anybody is permitted to go on to the top of the lift car, shall be conspicuously displayed on the top of every lift car. All lift servicemen shall be advised to obey such working procedure.

It is considered that compliance with the above riders/recommendations would definitely enhance safety to your staff. Whereas it is appreciated that most of you may be well aware of or have complied with all or part of the above riders/recommendations, I look forward to your usual co-operation in taking prompt action to comply with the above requirements if you have not done so.

Yours faithfully,

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for Director of Electrical & Mechanical Services

c.c. The Lift and Escalator Association

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