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All Registered Lift Contractors

Dear Sirs,

Circular No. 18/2001

Access Way to Lift Well

It was found from our recent site inspection of a lift that the access way connected to the top section of the lift well was converted to a dwelling place. Despite that, the dwellers can access to the lift well easily. The situation has already posed a threat to the safety of the lift passengers.

As the access way connected to the lift well is part of the lift well and is strictly not permissible for use for purposes other than the maintenance of lift(s), your attention is drawn on this issue with a view to ensuring the proper use of this area so as not to jeopardize the safe operation of the lift(s). Should similar situation occur in lifts under your maintenance, please take remedial action and notify this department.

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Your attention is also drawn to the requirement of the Code of Practice on the Design and Construction of Lifts and Escalators that the operation of a lift shall automatically depend on the maintenance in the closed position of the inspection door to the lift well. For this purpose, an electrical safety device should be provided to the door of the access way to the lift well.

Yours faithfully,

(LAW Yu-wing)

for Director of Electrical & Mechanical Services

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The Director of Buildings

The Director of Housing

The Lift and Escalator Contractors Association

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The International Association of Elevator Engineers

The Hong Kong General Union of Lift and Escalator Employees

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