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# Lifts and escalators



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## LIFTS AND ESCALATORS

### What your site and employer should do for you

1. Make sure that a competent person plans and supervises the work.
2. Provide you with safe systems of work that are without risks to your health.
3. Explain the safe systems of work to you, using risk assessments and method statements.
4. Give you adequate information, instruction and training.
5. Give you the right personal protective equipment (PPE) and provide the right tools and equipment for the job.

### What you should do for your site and employer

1. Follow the agreed safe system of work.
2. Use only equipment and methods of work you have been trained in.
3. Wear the right PPE for the task.
4. Do not take risks or short cuts.
5. Stop and seek advice if anything changes or seems unsafe.

### Overview and control measures

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By the nature of the equipment, work on lifts and escalators can be hazardous and must only be carried out by trained, competent and authorised individuals.

The Lift and Escalator Industry Association (LEIA) represents most of the lift and escalator companies in the UK. Its members are committed to the LEIA safety charter, which requires member companies to work in line with BS 7255 and BS 7801.



**The actual requirements for this training and competence are detailed in Codes of Practice *Safe working on lifts (BS 7255)* and *Safe working on escalators and moving walks (BS 7801)*.**

Employers should make sure that all of their employees undertake the following.

- Use and verify **stop** and other devices when accessing, exiting and working on car tops and in lift and escalator pits to make sure they have total control of the equipment.
- Electrically isolate and lock off, when power is not needed and when working close to unguarded machinery.
- Protect themselves and others from falls and falling objects.

These are three essential control measures that members of the LEIA sign up to. These measures must be carried out to make a safe working procedure.



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