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Consulting Engineers for all of your Vertical Movement Requirements

The obligations of Lift Owners in relation

Thorough Examinations of Lifts and Lifting equipment

In accordance with the Safety Health & Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007

Regulation 52.



What is a Thorough Examination

- It is an independent safety check of lifts & lifting equipment.
- Compare this to an NCT for lifts & lifting equipment.
- This is also known as an insurance report.



To whom is this applicable?

Anyone that owns a lift or lifting equipment.



Who conducts these Thorough Examinations

In accordance with Regulation 53 the Thorough Examination is to be conducted by a

competent person



What is considered a competent person?

In accordance with the regulations a competent person is an entity or person that can exercise

independent & impartial judgement

on the compliance with Health & Safety as described in the Regulations 2007.



How often does this Thorough Examination have to take place?

- For passenger lifts and lifts where a person can enter into every 6-months.
- For goods only lifts where a person cannot enter into a lift every 12-months.



My lift is maintained by a reputable maintenance provider and surely, they are competent?

They might be competent but are not independent or impartial to the works they conduct and therefore cannot exercise an independent judgement.

If the maintenance company would conduct the independent safety check then it would be similar to the expression the butcher sampling his own meat.

The emphasis is on impartial & independent.



I am a building owner, with a lift, and I am not an employer

The Safety, Health & Welfare at Work act 2005 and subsequent regulations state that the employer shall:



In accordance with the act, lift owners have a duty of care to users and maintenance providers.

Furthermore, Lifts have to be maintained in accordance with Regulation 32 and therefore the lift owner needs to employ a maintenance provider and therefore the lift owner is considered an employer.



What happens if my lift does not have these Thorough Examinations?

Statistics show that 50% of the lifts do not receive this examination.

The HSA have recognised this and are checking but the main focus at present is on public lifts.

The HSA have issued safety warnings that this is a requirement and theoretical they can prosecute anyone who does not have these Thorough Examinations conducted.

The insurance policy may not cover the lift owner in case of an incident/accident or claim.



Who conducts these Thorough Examinations

- Engineering Divisions of Insurance Companies
- Independent Inspection Companies



What do I need to look out for if I want to procure this service?

- An ISO 17020:2008 accredited company is the only assurance for a lift owner that the inspection Body is impartial, independent & technical competent.



What is the cost of these Thorough Examinations?

This depends on the entity. Insurance Engineering Divisions appear not to be cost effective.

We have seen costings between €130.00 to €380.00 per inspection.

The price normally depends on the location, number of floors served by the lift and the number of lifts in one location.



My lift does get these Thorough Examinations and is part of my insurance policy.

Under the law these products or services have to be offered separately and we advise to check if you can get a better deal or costing for this service.



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Who can we recommend?

Companies that are accredited with an ISO 17020 accreditation.

Independent company: Lift Inspect Ltd.

Engineering Divisions of the Insurance Companies



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