

## HELP KEEP ELEVATORS & ESCALATORS SAFE

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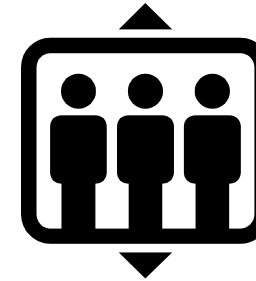


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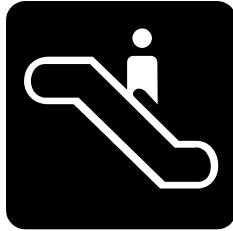
Educating the public on the safe and proper use of elevators, escalators and moving walks, through informational programs.

ELEVATOR & ESCALATOR  
SAFETY TIPS

# ESCALATORS

## **BEFORE ENTERING ESCALATORS:**

- No hand trucks—No hand carts.
- No freight.
- No wheelchairs, strollers or baby buggies.
- No walkers or wheeled vehicles.
- No loose clothing—clogs, flip flops, soft soled shoes, scarves.
- Be careful when carrying hanging clothes.
- No running or walking—stand still.
- Don't ride barefoot or with loose shoelaces.
- Parents supervise the conduct and activity of your children.
- Use emergency button in emergency situations only.



## **WHEN ENTERING ESCALATORS:**

- Check the direction of the moving steps.
- Step on and off promptly.
- Take extra care if you are wearing bifocals.
- Hold children or small packages firmly in one hand.
- Grasp the handrail as you step promptly onto the moving step.
- Don't crowd the escalator. Leave enough room for emergency situations.

## **WHEN RIDING ESCALATORS:**

- Stand toward the middle of the step – away from the sides and face forward. Don't lean

against the sides.

- Don't allow children to sit on steps.
- Do not sit umbrellas on steps.
- Keep a firm grip on the handrail. Reposition your hand slowly if the handrail moves ahead or behind the steps. Escalators may stop for safety precautions.
- Don't rest your handbag or parcels or any other objects on the handrail or steps or anywhere. Keep objects in hands at all times.
- Pay attention. Don't window-shop while riding.

## **WHEN EXITING ESCALATORS:**

- Be sensitive to those in front of you.
- Don't hesitate. Step off promptly.
- Immediately move clear of the escalator exit area – don't stop to talk or look around. Other passengers may be behind you.

THESE SAME SAFETY TIPS APPLY  
TO MOVING WALKS

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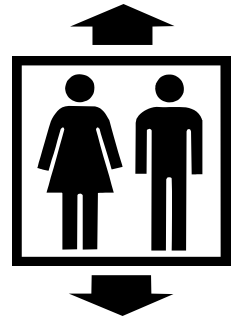
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# ELEVATORS

## **WHEN YOU APPROACH THE ELEVATOR:**

- Know your destination. Push the Up or Down button for the direction you want to go.
- **Stand aside for exiting passengers.**
- Wait for the next car if the elevator is full.
- Don't try to stop a closing door with anything including hands, feet or canes. Wait for the next elevator.
- Take the stairs if there is a fire in the building—do not use the elevator.



## **WHEN YOU ENTER AND LEAVE THE ELEVATOR:**

- Enter and exit carefully. Watch your step.
- Hold children firmly.
- Stand clear of the doors – keep clothes and carry-ons away from the opening.
- Push and hold the Door Open button if doors need to be held open, or ask someone to push the Door Open button for you.

## **WHEN RIDING ON THE ELEVATOR:**

- Stand back from the doors.
- Hold the handrail, if available.
- Pay attention to the floor indications.
- If the doors do not open when the elevator stops, push the Door Open button.
- If there is an emergency—use the provided phone or intercom system.
- Be considerate. Keep elevator clean for passenger comfort.