



To All Approved Persons & Owners of Lifts/Hoists

LIFTS AND HOISTS

Last year, a construction worker died when he fell from the landing area of a lift (also known as a passenger hoist) into the lift's pit. Investigations revealed that the landing gate could be opened from inside the building when the lift was not at the landing. This is contrary to the requirement that such gate is to be fitted with efficient interlocking or other devices such that the gate cannot be opened except when the lift is at the landing and that it cannot be moved away from the landing until the gate is closed.

2 Another fatal accident occurred recently at a building construction worksite when a lift plunged 7 floors to the ground. This resulted in the death of a worker who was in the lift. Preliminary investigations revealed that the original motors, gearboxes and safety device had been **replaced** with a **different brand** of similar components.

3 Approved Persons are reminded to exercise due diligence in their inspections of lifts and hoists and ensure that the statutory requirements stipulated under Section 29 of the Factories Act are complied with. They are also to verify that if there is any replacement of the motors, gearboxes, safety devices and other components of the lift / hoist, it must be of the type approved by the manufacturer.

Yours faithfully,

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