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ALL BUILDING CONTRACTORS**

INTERLOCKING GATES ON EVERY LIFT LANDING FOR EMPLOYEE'S LIFT IN CONSTRUCTION SITE

There had been several fatal accidents over the last 2 years occurring at construction sites involving workers falling off the edge of the lift landing of an employee's lift. Investigations revealed the lift landings were not provided with substantial enclosures to prevent any person falling down the liftway.

2. Section 29(3) of the Factories Act stipulates that "*every **hoistway or liftway shall be efficiently protected by a **substantial enclosure** fitted with gates, being such an enclosure as to prevent, when the gates are shut, any persons falling down the hoistway or liftway or coming into contact with any moving part of the lift***". In addition, section 29(4) requires that "*any such gate, shall be fitted with **efficient interlocking** or other devices to secure such that the gate cannot be opened except when the cage or platform is at the landing and that the cage or platform cannot be moved away from the landing until the gate is closed*".

3. With immediate effect, all approved persons shall ensure that the following are complied with before issuing the certificate:

- a) All new installations of employee's lift are required to be fitted with the **interlocking gates** for **every lift landing level**, which complies with section 29(3) and 29(4) of the Factories Act
- b) All existing installations must be fitted with substantial barriers. In addition, the **interlocking gates** shall be fitted within 6 months or by the next inspection which ever comes first.

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