

HAZARD ALERT

Industry: Service

Age: 20

Area: Lower Mainland

Young worker injured in elevator shaft

A first-year elevator apprentice was working inside an elevator shaft of a building under construction. This young worker was not aware that an elevator in this shaft was still being tested for operation by an elevator mechanic working in the elevator machinery room.

The young worker was squeezed into a 6-inch space when the elevator car moved from one floor to another. He sustained bruising to the back and front of his torso.

An accident investigation revealed that the workers did not communicate with each other and did not follow lockout procedures. The young worker had not received adequate instruction and training. The activities of the workers had not been adequately supervised.

Safe work practices:

- The employer must ensure that all workers are adequately trained, instructed, and supervised in the safe performance of their duties.
- Lockout procedures must be followed when working inside an elevator shaft.



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