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COVID-19 Signage on Elevators and Escalators

As property owners work to promote the safety and health of their guests, several questions have arisen concerning the posting of signs and informational posters regarding social distancing, the wearing of masks, etc. on elevators and escalators. This bulletin addresses many of the most frequently asked questions. Detailed safety codes can be found in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers A17.1 Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, adopted by reference in Nevada Administrative Code 455C.500(1)(a).

Question: Can I place safety signs on the wall next to my elevator?

Answer: Yes. The wall next to an elevator is a very good place to post safety messages. Just be sure that you do not cover up the elevator buttons.

Question: Can I place safety signs on stanchions in front of my elevators and escalators?

Answer: Yes. Placing a safety sign on a stanchion in the elevator lobby is a good practice. For escalators, signs must be kept outside of the “safety zone” on either landing of the escalator – six feet away from the entrance/exit of the escalator is a good rule of thumb.

Question: Can I place safety signs on the inside of my elevator or place social distancing stickers on the floor of my elevator?

Answer: Yes, if done according to the safety codes adopted in the State of Nevada. The signs and stickers placed inside an elevator, even on the floor, must meet certain requirements for flammability. They also must not obscure markings or control and safety devices of the elevator. Importantly, signs and stickers must be applied by certified elevator mechanics. Elevator mechanics are trained in the safe operation of elevators and will make sure that no issues are caused by the new safety signs.

Question: Can I post safety signs on my elevator lobby doors?

Answer: Yes, if done according to the safety codes adopted in the State of Nevada. Signs posted on elevator lobby doors may interfere with the safe opening and closing of the doors. As with signs and graphics on the inside of the elevator, signs and graphics on the elevator lobby doors must be installed by certified elevator mechanics.

Question: Can I post social distancing warnings and other safety messages on my escalator?

Answer: Generally, no. The graphics which can and cannot be placed on escalators are very specific and usually do not include signs for social distancing, the wearing of masks, etc. If you feel that your sign may be allowed, please check with our office.

Question: Do I need a permit from the State of Nevada before posting safety signs on my elevator equipment?

Answer: Generally, no. The State of Nevada has a program which allows property owners to install temporary graphics and signs without the need for a permit. A previous bulletin concerning this program can be found here:

http://dir.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dirnv.gov/content/About/Bulletin%20MCS1906_Temporary%20Installation%20of%20Cosmetic%20Wraps.pdf

However, if you wish to install permanent safety signage, which is anything meant to be installed longer than 90 days, a permit will probably be required. Please contact this office with any questions regarding permanent signage.

Your licensed elevator contractor can help guide you as you make decisions regarding signage on your elevators and escalators. As always, the Mechanical Compliance Section is here to answer any questions you have at any time.



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