
Authorising Engineer (AE) (Lifts)

Purpose of Lifts AE

The Authorising Engineer is an independent consultant whose primary role is to ensure compliance with the latest statutory and guidance requirements in relation to SSoW, and in relation to the compliance of HTM08-02. The AE is a chartered engineer appointed by the healthcare organisation.

Management who has responsibility for lifts on their premises must be able to demonstrate that they have safe systems of work, of an appropriate level in relation to the risk exhibited by the system, and with procedures and documents in place.

The AE provides support to the NHS Trust to ensure the organisation meets the responsibilities in accordance with HTM 08-02 and includes:

- Assessment of condition of lifts and escalators
- Assessment of Life Cycle
- Guidance on capital investment planning
- Assessment of maintenance and statutory inspections in accordance with LOLER
- Recommendations on training requirements
- Review of policies to comply with HTM 08-02
- Gap analysis of performance

In addition, the AE offers support with:

- Accident & incident investigations
- Development of management policies
- Modify existing lifts for evacuation
- Operational issues support & advise
- Improvement recommendations

- Planning & Design
- Advice on modernisation

Role and duties of the Lifts AE

- Assess and recommend Authorised Persons (APs), in writing, to provide the cover for all confined spaces for which management has responsibility
- Identify the lifts for which each AP is responsible
- Maintain a register of all APs
- Report to the management any deficiency in the number of APs, where this significantly impairs management's ability to provide a safe and efficient service
- Reviews each AP's operational experience by examining the relevant operating records of the system(s) and recommends refresher training as necessary
- Comprehensive annual audits of the application of the SSoW, including the performance and operational experience of each AP, and the condition of confined spaces
- Distribution of any operational restrictions/safety alerts related to lifts
- Act as an independent technical advisor
- Assists in the investigations of incidents and accidents involving confined spaces within the AE's sphere of responsibility

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