

Lift Owner's Responsibilities.

Here follows an explanation of the **latest regulations** covering the **Obligations of Lift Owners** for the maintenance and continued service **of lifts in use at a place of work** under PUWER & LOLER.

THUS THIS WILL SPECIFICALLY APPLY TO THIS NEW LIFT(S) !!

These rules (PUWER & LOLER) may not directly apply to lifts in service for the general public but since the H&SE consider the requirements best practice then adoption of them for all installations is the safest and only real course of action.

In the most simplistic of terms, the lift owner is legally required to elect a "Competent Person" (CP) to carry out 6 monthly "thorough" lift examinations. Since this party is expected to be an "Independent party" the usual route is the use of the owners insurer's equipment inspection service. Previously this form on inspection was called a "F54" a term which most owners are familiar with.

The Competent Person decides what test documentation (from the range of LG1 tests laid down) they wish to see to assist in their evaluation and examination to judge the condition of the equipment and to determine if the lift should continue in service. The CP also may wish to question or ignore those LG1 test reports and can insist of re-testing where reasonable grounds exist.

LG1 are not legally required tests but are available for the assistance in the making of a sound judgement by the CP.

LG1's do not on their own constitute a thorough examination but are various tests laid down for items of equipment often found within a particular Lift's design, i.e. door locks, cylinders, gearboxes, safety gear etc.

The CP can not only determine which tests are carried out from the range of test available but also what regime should be adopted i.e. their frequency or their depth of testing.

The use of an Independent CP also provides the Lift owner with an independent view of the Lift service provision.

The use of the owner's insurance inspection services often embroils the insurance cover of the equipment.

The Lift Service provider will thus be advised by the CP, through the Owner, which LG1 tests specific to that equipment are to be carried out. Obviously the Owner has to sanction the tests in the form of an official order. The lift service provider only carries out the LG1's instructed so to do. The lift service provider will also question where they think a LG1 test called for is unreasonable.

It is not recommended that the lift service provider shall take on the roll of CP as the required level of Independence could be brought into question as it creates a conflict of interest and could also undermine the equipment's insurance cover.

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