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LIFTING EQUIPMENT

What is Lifting Equipment safety?

Lifting equipment safety refers to the legal and operational standards that ensure the safe **installation, maintenance, and use** of equipment designed to lift people or objects—such as **passenger lifts, stair lifts, hoists, and vertical lifting platforms**.

Common Lifting Equipment hazards

- **Falling Loads:** Items being lifted may fall due to equipment failure or improper handling.
- **Equipment Tipping or Collapsing:** Poor ground conditions or incorrect setup can cause machinery to become unstable.
- **Unauthorised Access to Work Zones:** Individuals entering restricted areas may be at risk of injury.
- **Poor Visibility or Lighting:** Inadequate lighting can lead to misjudgements and accidents.
- **Slips, Trips, and Falls Around Machinery:** Loose cables, uneven surfaces, or clutter can create trip hazards.

Safety Tips



Never tamper with lifting equipment or attempt to operate it yourself.



Keep children and pets away from active work areas.
Do not store bins, bicycles, or personal items near lifting zones.



If you have concerns about ongoing work, speak to your **Tenant Liaison Officer** for clarification and support.

In case of an EMERGENCY

1. **Keep a safe distance** from the equipment and the work zone.
2. **Do not attempt to intervene** or operate machinery under any circumstances.
3. **Call emergency services** immediately if someone is injured or if there is a serious incident: **Dial 999**.
4. **Report the incident** to your housing association as soon as it is safe to do so.

Responsibilities of Woven

Risk Assessments:

Before any work involving lifting equipment begins, Woven ensures that contractors have a thorough method statement and appropriate risk assessments are undertaken. This process helps prevent accidents and ensures that lifting operations are planned and executed responsibly.

Qualified Operators:

Only trained and competent personnel are permitted to operate lifting equipment such as hoists, cranes, mobile platforms, and mechanical lifts. Operators must hold relevant certifications and follow strict safety protocols. This ensures that equipment is used correctly and safely, reducing the risk of injury or damage.

Maintenance & Inspection:

All lifting equipment is subject to regular inspection and maintenance schedules. These checks are carried out by qualified engineers and include testing for mechanical faults, wear and tear, and compliance with legal safety standards. Equipment that fails inspection is taken out of service until it is repaired or replaced.

Tenant responsibilities

Stay Clear of Work Zones: Tenants must avoid entering areas where lifting equipment is in use. These zones are often marked with barriers or signage and may involve overhead loads or moving machinery. Staying clear helps prevent accidents and ensures that contractors can work safely.

Follow Safety Notices: Always obey warning signs, instructions from contractors, and guidance from Woven Officers. These notices are in place to protect you and others from potential hazards during lifting operations.

Report Hazards: If you notice unattended equipment, unsafe conditions, or blocked access routes near lifting zones, report them immediately to your housing association. Prompt reporting helps prevent incidents and ensures that safety standards are maintained.



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