



HURRICANE SEASON PREPAREDNESS FOR ELEVATORS

As we approach the hurricane season, it is crucial to ensure that your building's elevators are properly to withstand potential adverse weather conditions. Damage to the elevator equipment from wind, water, power fluctuations and certain weather related incidents are not covered by our maintenance contract with you. Proper hurricane preparedness can mitigate the risk of damage and ensure swift recovery in the event of a storm.

Here are some important items to check to prepare your elevators for hurricane season:

Inspect Elevator Systems:

- Conduct a thorough inspection of all elevator systems to identify and address any existing issues.
- Verify that backup power systems, such as generators, are functioning correctly to maintain elevator operation during power outages.
- Inspect your elevator hoist way ventilation, windows, and doors for their fitness and ability to prevent water leakage from wind driven rain during a storm.

This applies elevator hoist way ventilation as well. Install metal splash guards or hoods over all open ventilation in walls to reduce the possibility of water reaching electrical panels, and install weather-stripping around all elevator machine room doors.

When a Hurricane Warning Has Been Issued

1. Run elevators to a weather protected landing close to the center of the building to guard against floodwater damage to the elevator car and counterweights.
2. Secure elevators at the floor using the stop switch or key switch in the elevator car. Ensure that all machine room doors/windows/louvered vents are closed.
3. Disconnect the electrical power by switching off each elevator's main line disconnect, located in the elevator machine room, to guard against elevator use during a hurricane. Lock off elevator main line disconnects, if possible. If you are not comfortable performing this task, or feel you may not be able to perform it safely, please call us and we will try to assist.
4. THE ELEVATOR SHOULD NOT BE OPERATED DURING A HURRICANE, EVEN IF YOUR BUILDING HAS AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR.

Post-Storm Inspection and Recovery:

Inspect your elevator machine room for water on the floor, control panels, or in the pits, **PRIOR** to power to the elevator. If there is any sign in these areas, please call Skyline Elevator, Inc. @ 352-429-7688

By taking these proactive steps, you can significantly reduce the risk of elevator damage and ensure a quicker return to normal operations after a hurricane. Our team is available to assist with inspections, service, and any necessary upgrades to help you prepare effectively.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require further assistance. Together, we can ensure the safety and resilience of your buildings elevator systems during hurricane season.

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