



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ELEVATORS


Elevators are the safest form of transportation.

There are **safety rules...**

- Respect the weight limit. This is posted inside each elevator. In general, if everyone can stand without touching each other, you're probably within the weight limit.
- Use the "Door Open" button  -- not your hand, leg, umbrella or other object -- to hold the doors open. If the signal activates, release the button and let the doors close. Another car will be along soon.
- The elevator is programmed to stop if it detects unusual movement within the car, or other out-of-the ordinary condition. This is a safety feature. Use the Call button  to connect with staff at the 24/7 service center.
- They will ask you some questions, then immediately contact our elevator contractor, who will dispatch a specialized elevator technician to release you. Under no circumstances should you try to get out of the elevator car. Stay inside the car – it is completely safe, there is ventilation and the car will not fall. Do not attempt to get out – this behavior is very, very dangerous.
- There's nothing funny about horsing around inside or near an elevator. Jumping, shoving, overloading, and vandalizing the equipment are all forbidden. Security cameras record activity inside and near elevators, and students who are identified as participating in dangerous or destructive behavior will face judicial action.

All Ohio State residence hall elevators are regularly inspected by The State of Ohio and are maintained by qualified elevator technicians. Report any elevator malfunctions to the hall desk immediately. They will contact the service center.

And **Etiquette guidelines...**

- Use the stairs to go up or down one or two floors, unless you have a health condition or a heavy load that requires elevator use.
- Push the Up or Down button once to summon an elevator. Pushing a button more often won't speed up the arrival.
- Allow exiting passengers to leave before entering an elevator car.
- When you enter, press the button for the floor you want to go to and step aside, making room for other passengers.
- If the car that arrives is already full, wait for the next one.
- If the elevator is making several stops, step aside for those departing before you. If necessary, the person nearest the control panel can use the "Door Open" button  to keep the door open.
- Be considerate of fellow passengers. Turn down your music, avoid cell phone conversations and be careful not to spill food and drinks. Keep the car clean.