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POLICY STATEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES
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Pursuant to RCW 34.05.230, the department of labor and industries' (L&I) field services and public safety division issued the following policy statement.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Alicia Curry at Alicia.Curry@Lni.wa.gov or 360-902-6244.

Policy: Elevator Program Policy 07-16-105.

Title: Enforcement of American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) A17.3-2015 Safety Code for Existing Elevators and Escalators Enforcement.

Effective: February 24, 2025.

Description: This new policy suspends enforcement of ASME A17.3-2015. Elevator stakeholders have raised concerns about the cost and other impacts from the adoption of ASME A17.3-2015 and confusion on how the now-expired timelines impact compliance under WAC 296-96-23000. L&I reviewed the history of incidents and the existing elevator rules and determined that additional review of the ASME A17.3-2015 requirements is appropriate. L&I, under law, has authority to do this work under RCW 70.87.110 and 70.87.020. This policy shall remain in effect until L&I adopts later versions of elevator code through the rule-making process. While L&I works on rule making, this exception policy provides proven safe minimal expectations for compliance.

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