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- Winston Churchill

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## New Federal Regulations for Elevators Require Upgrades by 2012

As many housing and healthcare providers are coming to understand, the Federal government has issued new codes and standards for new and existing elevators. The impact to MN facilities is that all elevators, related equipment and adjacent areas must meet the revised code by January 29, 2012.

Key considerations include:

- Hydraulic jack elevators installed prior to 1972 must be replaced with double bottom jack enclosure.
- If elevators do not meet revised code by deadline, an elevator can/will be removed from service until compliance is reached.
- Work cannot be completed on an item by item bases. Once started, it must be fully completed to receive recertification for new code.

Many are waiting to complete these necessary upgrades, which can cause delays at critical times in the future. To address affordability, WAI Continuum is working with providers to move forward with one or two elevators at a time to avoid the strain on often tight budgets. Through a cost conscious facility assessment, WAI Continuum can help you understand your existing conditions and the scope of work required to meet the revised codes and 2012 deadline.

Don't simply rely on your elevator maintenance company. Call us today to learn more about these regulations and get started on your comprehensive facility assessment.

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