

The Etiquette, Do's and Dont's in Elevator

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Etiquette

Seek the Perimeter : Find the space farthest from the door, allowing room for the people behind you.

Keep Your Arms Down: Dont' conduct phone calls, play Angry Birds, or fix your hair in a crowded elevator.

Dont' Be a Clown: Your light banter and jokes aren't as funny as you think.

No Eating or Drinking: Dont' stink up the elevator with your food.

No Farting: Seriously, stop it. You know who you are.

No OCD: Dont' repeatedly press buttons. Treat elevator buttons as if they're dead bodies. Poke them once.

Eyes Down: Dont' stare or ogle. It's creepy.

Here's a simple list of elevator DOs and DONT's:

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DO: Politely ask another elevator user to press your floor button if you cannot access it yourself.

DONT': Demand a number without so much as a "please" or eye contact. I am not the elevator monkey there only to do your elevator bidding.

DO: Use deodorant.

DONT': Come right in from a smoke break and share your cancer aroma with me in a confined area.

DO: Attempt some chit chat if you feel comfortable.

DONT': Make some corny blonde jokes when I still have to stand there and pretend to be amused for another two floors. Yeah, you're the man now dawg.

DO: Enter and exit in an efficient manner.

DONT': Stand in the hallway with your arm holding the elevator open while you finish your conversation to your co-worker. Next time I will have pre-made cue cards with things like "she's lying to you" written on them to display behind your back.

DO: Make room for other elevator passengers.

DONT': Ride your medically-necessary scooter into the elevator and attempt a three-point-turn while proceeding to smack everyone in the shins. You may be disabled, but you're clearly not blind.

DO: Try to move to the back if you are not getting out until the last floor.

DONT': Stand directly in front of the doors (especially if you're large in stature) and act oblivious to the skinny people who need to get off. Obviously those big metal doors have opened here for a reason, they're not just stopping to give you some air.

DO: Glance through the newspaper during the ride.

DONT': Talk to yourself. This is just creepy and weird for everyone else in the elevator, especially if there's only one other person, who at first thought you were talking to them and realized you weren't. And, you're crazy. Ok, now you're freaking me out. I want off — now.

DO: Remember your basic manners.

DONT': Sneeze all over the place. Geesh man, cover your mouth! You've just sprayed SARS all over the place and we're in a contained 4x4x8 cell. I mean, do I look like Ryan Seacrest?

DO: Read the elevator certificate. Note how many pounds/people it can hold. Most importantly, check the date.

DONT': Use white-out to alter number of people to read number of ducks.

DO: Use the emergency phone if the elevator shuts down, all the lights go out and the doors won't open.

DONT': Yell "I'm trapped, there's something ticking, someone get Keanu Reeves!"

Be Safe While Riding The Elevator :

When you reach the elevator door, push the CALL button only once. Pushing the button repeatedly or pushing both buttons at once slows the service to your floor. When the elevator doors open, make sure you follow the following simple safety rules.

1. Watch your step. The car may not be perfectly aligned to the floor.
2. Exit immediately at your floor as soon as the door opens. Do not wait for those behind you.
3. The DOOR OPEN button can be held by someone within the car to keep the doors open until you alight.
4. Never stop closing elevator doors with your feet, hands, or canes. Wait for the next elevator.
5. In case of a fire in the building, it is wise to use the stairs. Do not use the elevator.
6. Stand clear of the doors.
7. Hold pets, parcels and small children firmly.
8. In case of an elevator stopping between floors, DO NOT PANIC.
 - a. Push the ALARM button to call for assistance. Alternately, you may use the car's telephone if provided.
 - b. Wait for help to arrive. Do not pry the doors open or try to crawl out through the roof of the car. It is dangerous.
 - c. Take deep breaths and keep your mind off PANIC. Remember that there is enough air circulating.
 - d. Sit down while you wait. The majority of injuries have occurred when the elevator suddenly begins to move.
 - e. If the elevator doors have opened between floors, never try to get out, even if somebody wants to assist you.
 - f. If there is a power failure, wait for the emergency lighting to take over.
 - g. Extra carefulness is recommended.

If you are under medication that makes you drowsy, or affects your vision or mobility, avoid going alone.

If you use a cane, walker or wheel chair.

If you wear bifocals or prescription glasses that you are not used to yet.

Elevators safety : *by deldel*

Do not board an elevator with someone who appears suspicious; wait for the next elevator. If you are on the ground floor waiting to go up, don't board an elevator going to the basement; pick it up on its return. Before entering an elevator, check the security mirror, if there is one. Inside, try to stand near the control panel. If a suspicious person enters an elevator with you, get off immediately. If you are threatened or attacked, press the alarm and as many floor buttons as you can. And yell as loud as you can. Don't smoke in an elevator, it is annoying to others, a potential fire hazard and, in many cities, illegal. In a fire emergency, use designated stairs or fire escapes, not elevators to exit the building.

If an elevator stalls :

Stay calm. Press the alarm and use the in elevator phone, if there is one. If neither works, bang on the walls, with a shoe or other heavy object. Then wait for rescue; don't try to climb out without assistance of a trained emergency crew.

Elevator Safety Devices :

Modern elevators are very safe. If an elevator's descent reaches a certain speed, an independent powered speed governor trips a safety switch that activates the elevator's brake on the hoisting machine. If the elevator continues to accelerate, the governor causes safety clamps to grip the guide rails, bringing the elevator to a smooth safe stop. Other devices prevent elevators from moving with open doors, or doors from opening when an elevator isn't at a landing. Be sure not to trip, or get hit by closing gates when entering or exiting older manually operated elevators.

Use Escalators Safely

Today,escalators are more common than elevators. The first escalator was designed by Jesse Renno in 1892.Escalator is a power-driven, continuous inclined stairway.This can move 4000-7000 people an hour.It can rise from 4 feet to over a hundred feet.It can skip floors or stop at every floor. Escalator is the most efficient form of vertical transportation available today.

Simple safety rules apply while using escalators as well. Most accidents occur as a result of FALLING.

Before you get on

1. If you are using canes,walkers or wheel chairs,stop and take an elevator instead.
2. Do not ride barefoot or with untied shoelaces.
3. Make sure you get on to the right escalator going in the direction you want.
4. If you are riding with small children,make sure they are held firmly.
5. If you are wearing loose or long clothing,hold it carefully.
6. If you have packages to hold,hold firmly with one hand as you grasp the hand rail with the other.
7. Step on and off promptly.

When riding the escalator

1. Stand toward the centre of the step and face forward.
2. Do not rest your parcels or handbag on the handrail.
3. Keep loose/long clothing clear of the sides.
4. Be alert.

When alighting the escalator

1. Walk off promptly without any hesitation.
2. Move away immediately so as to enable those behind you to alight as well.

In case of emergency

Push one of the STOP buttons provided at the top or the bottom landings of the escalator(on the handrail or floorlevel).

Moving Sidewalks

An escalator moving while people can walk with their luggage is a moving sidewalk. Safety rules that apply here are the same as those for an escalator.

1. If you wish to walk,walk on the left and if you wish to stand as it moves,stand to the right.
2. In addition,keep a firm grip on the handrail.

Enjoy a safe ride everyday adhering to these simple guidelines on safety.