

New process for stairway chairlift inspections in Minnesota

To make it easier for contractors to comply with state laws requiring a stairway chairlift to be inspected prior to being placed into service, the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry is implementing the smartphone-based VuSpex Go app for all stairway chairlift installation inspections.

Beginning June 17, 2024, all residential stairway chairlift installations must have an inspection conducted and submitted by the installer via the VuSpex Go app as an offline field report (OFR) prior to being put into service.

Offline field report inspections

The VuSpex Go app lets licensed or registered unlicensed installers complete an installation and immediately perform an inspection and submit an OFR to the inspector in a matter of minutes. An OFR inspection is performed without scheduling, phone calls or other forms of inspector/installer interaction. Inspections can be submitted 24 hours a day, seven days a week via VuSpex Go.

Getting ready for OFRs

This notification is being sent to the primary contact for elevator contractors that have installed stairway chairlifts in Minnesota. **It is the responsibility of the recipient of this notification to ensure that the contractor's licensed or registered unlicensed installers are prepared to submit OFRs via the VuSpex Go app by June 17, 2024**, for stairway chairlift installations.

Prior to June 17, 2024, installers must download the VuSpex Go app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store to their smartphones and create a VuSpex Go account. View the [VuSpex Go OFR Guide](#) for detailed instructions.

Additionally, each installer is encouraged to submit a practice OFR using permit number **ELV-P2404-0307**. The practice OFR content does not need to be related to a stairway chairlift installation. The photo and video content are not important and will not be reviewed. The practice OFR is intended to verify that the VuSpex Go app is installed correctly, that an account was created successfully, and that the installer is familiar with how to submit an OFR using VuSpex Go. The practice OFR should be completed prior to June 17, 2024. The [VuSpex Go offline field report guide](#) also includes step-by-step instructions for completing an OFR.

Questions?

- Contact us at elevator.inspections.dli@state.mn.us or 651-284-5071.
- View the [VuSpex Go offline field report guide](#).
- [View more about elevator inspections and permits](#).