



### **Plain Language Summary for Bill 52: *Elevators and Lifts Act***

The Government of the Northwest Territories is proposing a Bill, the *Elevators and Lifts Act*, dealing with the regulation of installation, use, and inspection of elevating devices, such as elevators, lifts, and amusement rides.

The Government of the Northwest Territories found gaps in the authority to regulate elevating devices as a whole. Currently, elevators and lifts are regulated under the *Electrical Protection Act* which only provides authority to regulate electrical components of elevating devices but not their non-electrical components. The Bill will resolve this gap and provide full authority to regulate elevating devices as a whole.

Public safety is the cornerstone of the *Elevators and Lifts Act*. This Bill continues to ensure public safety for all users of elevating devices in the NWT by ensuring that only qualified workers from licenced contractors perform work on elevators and lift systems.

The Bill both codifies existing practices and builds on existing resources. NWT residents will notice no changes in how the *Act* impacts them or how they use elevating devices. Most suppliers, contractors and other industry stakeholders or providers will see no change in how they conduct business as the bill largely formalizes existing practices in terms of inspections, registration and permits.

The Bill will enhance public safety and more clarity to industry by consolidating all rules concerning Elevators and Lifts into one place.

The bill includes the following changes:

- Creates a requirement for contractors to obtain a Contractor Licence.
- Requires workers to be qualified on the specific product they are installing or repairing.
- Clarifies the authority to regulate all elevating devices and like products.
- Adds flexibility to the authority to adopt National Standards on elevator and lift systems.
- Promotes public safety by improving the Standards compliance and enforcement system.
- Introduces an Appeal Process.

The Bill was developed by the Department of Infrastructure with input from the Departments of ITI, MACA, EIA and the WSCC. Engagement also took place with stakeholders from the Elevators and Lifts industry.

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