



# The Insider

National Elevator Industry, Inc.

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## **NEII Regulatory and Legislative Efforts in 2013**

As the National Elevator Industry, Inc. (NEII®) prepares for the 2013 legislative season, we recognize there are many important issues facing our industry. NEII is committed to working with state legislators and regulators across the country to address these vital issues.

### **THE INDUSTRY SHAPING POLICY**

Through our legislative and regulatory work, NEII promotes the creation and implementation of laws, regulations, codes and standards so that the billions of people using elevators, escalators and moving walks can do so safely and efficiently. Industry leaders and staff commit their time, knowledge and resources to assist policymakers as they work on issues impacting the building transportation industry. Each year, we track hundreds of bills and proposed regulations; engage in code review and update efforts; form coalitions with interested parties and industry stakeholders; provide testimony and comments on proposed legislation, regulations and code changes; and meet with key policymakers and enforcement personnel to share our expertise and knowledge.



### **KEY POLICY ISSUES**

#### Professional License Requirements

NEII promotes state licensing requirements for elevator contractors, mechanics and inspectors. Elevator professionals should be required to demonstrate knowledge, skills and abilities specific to their role when they apply and renew their licenses. NEII encourages this best practice in every state.

#### Updated Construction Codes

The most effective way to ensure the safety of the riding public and elevator personnel in North America is to adopt the latest version of the bi-national (US & Canada) model safety code for elevators and escalators (ASME A17.1/CSA B44) without amendment. This state-of-the-art code is updated every three years to account for the latest advancements in safety and efficiency. The most recent version will be finalized in 2013.

#### Technical Advisory Boards

NEII encourages the establishment of state Elevator Safety Boards to assist

the legislature and regulatory agencies in addressing the complicated issues facing this industry. These boards should have a diverse membership made up of elevator companies, elevator mechanics, building owners and other industry stakeholders offering thorough advice and recommendations on a variety of issues including permits, licenses, education, training and enforcement.

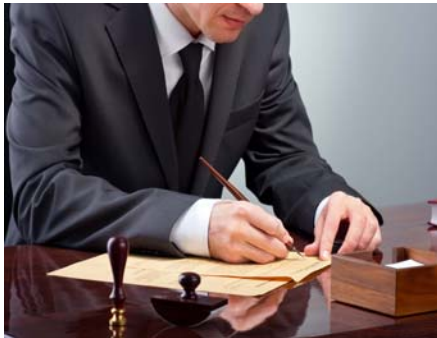
### Inspection and Testing Requirements

To ensure equipment has been installed and is operating properly, *NEII* supports state regulations governing the types and frequency of inspections and testing. The current code recommends that equipment be inspected and tested at least once annually.

### Funding

*NEII* recognizes the fiscal constraints faced by many states. Our industry works with states to develop an appropriate funding structure for elevator programs that are so critical to the safety of the riding public and industry personnel.

## **NEII'S VALUABLE RESOURCES**



*NEII* has members and staff who are available when building transportation issues arise within your state. We can help draft legislation, provide technical information and/or meet with policymakers and other interested parties to discuss how best to address questions or concerns. Please contact Amy Blankenbiller at the *NEII* Government Affairs office at 785-286-7599 or [ajblankenbiller@neii.org](mailto:ajblankenbiller@neii.org) for assistance.

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