

326B.163 DEFINITIONS; ELEVATORS.

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** For the purposes of sections 326B.106 and 326B.163 to 326B.187, the terms defined in this section shall have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. **Passenger or freight elevator.** "Passenger or freight elevator" means all elevators except those that comply with the safety rules of the department relating to construction and installation and that have automatic operation or continuous pressure operation.

Subd. 3. **Automatic operation.** Automatic operation shall mean operation wherein the starting of the elevator car is effected in response to momentary actuation of operating devices at the landing or of operating devices in the car identified with the landings, or both, or in response to an automatic starting mechanism and wherein the car is stopped automatically at the landings.

Subd. 4. **Continuous pressure operation.** Continuous pressure operation shall mean operation by means of buttons or switches in the car and at the landing, any one of which may be used to control the movement of the car as long as the button or switch is manually maintained in the actuating position.

Subd. 5. **Elevator.** As used in this chapter, "elevator" means moving walks and vertical transportation devices such as escalators, passenger elevators, freight elevators, dumbwaiters, hand-powered elevators, endless belt lifts, and wheelchair platform lifts. Elevator does not include:

(1) external temporary material lifts or temporary construction personnel elevators at sites of construction of new or remodeled buildings;

(2) manlifts in grain elevators and feed mills subject to installation limitations under Minnesota Rules, part 5205.0550; or

(3) platform wheelchair lifts and elevators in churches.

Subd. 6. **Municipality.** "Municipality," as used in sections 326B.163 to 326B.187, means a city, county, or town meeting the requirements of section 368.01, subdivision 1.

Subd. 7. **Elevator inspection.** "Elevator inspection" means an examination of elevator installations, repairs, alterations, removal, and construction for compliance with the State Building Code that may include witnessing tests performed on elevators by elevator personnel, performing tests on elevators, or an audit of records related to routine and periodic maintenance and testing, or any combination thereof when performed by the department or a municipality authorized to perform such inspections.

Subd. 8. **Elevator inspector.** "Elevator inspector" means an individual who meets the requirements established pursuant to section 326B.187, clause (1), who is performing elevator inspections for the department or a municipality authorized to perform such inspections.

History: *1955 c 561 s 1; Ex1967 c 1 s 6; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1989 c 303 s 5,6; 1995 c 166 s 5,6,17; 2007 c 140 art 4 s 17-20, 61; art 13 s 4; 2009 c 76 s 1*

NOTE: Subdivision 5, clauses (2) and (3), as added by Laws 2009, chapter 76, section 1, expire on July 1, 2010. Laws 2009, chapter 76, section 1, the effective date.