

**326B.178 VIOLATIONS, PENALTIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Removal of seal.** No person, firm, or corporation may remove any seal or notice forbidding the use of an elevator, except by authority of the department or the licensing authority having jurisdiction over the elevator, or operate an elevator after a notice has been attached forbidding its use, unless the notice has been removed by authority of the department or the licensing authority having jurisdiction over the elevator.

Subd. 2. **False certification.** No inspector, or other party authorized by this section or by rule to inspect elevators, may falsely certify the safety of an elevator, or grant a license or permit contrary to any provision of this chapter.

Subd. 3. **Minimum requirements.** No person, firm, or corporation may construct, install, alter, remove, or repair an elevator that does not meet the minimum requirements of this chapter, adopted rules, or national codes adopted by rule. Notwithstanding any provision of rule or national code adopted by rule to the contrary, however, a stairway chair lift that is not hardwired to the building's electrical system, but is instead plugged into an electrical outlet, may be installed in a private residence for the use of its occupants.

Subd. 4. **Penalties.** The commissioner shall administer sections 326B.163 to 326B.191. In addition to the remedies provided for violations of this chapter, the commissioner may impose a penalty of up to \$10,000 for a violation of any provision of sections 326B.163 to 326B.191.

**History:** 1955 c 561 s 4; Ex1967 c 1 s 6; 1989 c 303 s 7; 1995 c 166 s 9-11,17; 1999 c 185 s 2; 2007 c 140 art 4 s 23,24,61; art 13 s 4