



Help and Advice

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Bulletin 57: LIFT SAFETY

The Help & Advice Group was set up by Synod in 2009, to support local churches in being informed and effective in their life and mission. The group was disbanded in 2014, as part of a simplification of Synod committees, and its work continues through the Trust Officer, under the oversight of the Trust. We are willing to try to provide specific advice on particular topics. Please get in touch if you have questions or suggestions.

This article is part of a series giving an overview of particular subjects of interest for local churches. We also circulate general updates from time to time. Bulletins will also be posted on the website <http://urc-northernsynod.org/help-advice-bulletins>, with direct links to other websites.

Where readers are directed to web-based resources, the Synod Office is willing to respond to reasonable requests for printed out information for readers without web access, although they may find it more satisfactory to follow up their interest through their local library's web access.

Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER)

Churches with lifts are reminded that *in addition to* the annual maintenance of your lift, there is also a requirement under LOLER to have the equipment thoroughly inspected twice a year. This should be done by someone other than the maintenance engineer.

Your insurer or insurance broker can advise you on inspection contractors.

For further details of the regulations, see the Health & Safety Executive's website:

www.hse.gov.uk/work-equipment-machinery/loler.htm

www.hse.gov.uk/work-equipment-machinery/thorough-examinations-lifting-equipment.htm

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