

Elevator Safety On Campus

Things Everyone Should Know About The University's Elevators

The University supports some 45 elevators and lifts throughout its campus. Here is some information you might find useful regarding elevators:

1. Most of the University's elevators are designated for disabled persons or employees only. The UL Lafayette campus reflects an atmosphere of respect and courtesy for students with disabilities. Able-bodied students should be strongly discouraged from using these elevators.
2. Each elevator car has a "hands free" phone that can be used in emergencies. These phones are available 24 hours a day. Simply push the button and University Police will be contacted immediately.
3. Each elevator is examined by a State contracted certified inspector at least twice yearly. During these inspections, the entire elevator system is checked for safety and proper operation. The Physical Plant conducts additional internal inspections as well.
4. Although rare, occasional entrapments within an elevator can occur and if this happens, try to remain calm. Each elevator has redundant safety features within its design that prevent the car from falling. Contact University Police using the hands free phone inside the car and a response to your call will be initiated immediately.
5. Report elevator outages or vandalism 24 hours a day to the Physical Plant at 482-6440. The University utilizes a maintenance contractor that must respond to normal outages within 2 hours and entrapments within 1 hour.
6. During an elevator outage, if a disabled person becomes stuck within the building, consider the following suggestions:
 - Contact the Physical Plant at 482-6440 and verify that help is on the way.
 - Contact University Police at 482-6447 and request assistance.
 - Assure the individual that help is forthcoming.
 - University Police have an evacuation device that can be used to safely bring disabled persons down a stairway.
 - Employees should not attempt to assist disabled persons down the stairwell. University Police are trained to perform this task properly and safely.

Questions regarding elevators on campus can be directed to Steve Provost at 482-6429