

“The most recent figures from CPSC’s NEISS system show that an estimated 1,600 injuries associated with residential elevators and lifts were seen in emergency departments from 2011 through 2012. CPSC only has jurisdiction over elevators customarily used by consumers in a residential setting. Some of those injuries included children becoming entrapped in the gap of residential elevators, tragically leading to fatalities and serious injuries. The agency has an active and ongoing compliance investigation regarding the safety of residential elevators and the entrapment hazard they can present. While CPSC investigates the role and responsibilities of manufacturers and installers when it comes to the safety of residential elevators, owners of residential elevators should take steps to ensure children do not have unsupervised access to in-home elevators.”