



Associated General Contractors of Wisconsin

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Elevator Licensing

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During the final days of the 2006 legislative floor session a bill supported by the [Elevator Industry Work Preservation Fund](#) requiring licensing of elevator contractors and mechanics passed the Wisconsin State Legislature. A late session amendment to the bill added ***Construction Site Material Hoists and Personnel Hoists*** to the list of lifting equipment covered by the licensing law.

This change to the law would prevent contractors, crane rental companies or anyone but fully licensed elevator contractors from installing their own temporary construction hoists!

AGC of Wisconsin believes that the inclusion of temporary construction site hoists in this new elevator licensing law is over reaching and unnecessary. We support State Representative [Joel Kleefisch](#) (R- Oconomowoc) who is introducing a repair bill to fix this issue and other problems with the new law. Kleefisch is currently seeking cosponsors for the bill. The deadline for legislators to become a cosponsor of the repair legislation is Friday, April 6.

Please contact your legislators and ask them to become a cosponsor and support the elevator licensing repair bill. Go to the [AGC Legislative Action website](#) for more assistance.

Typical Construction Hoist

Temporary Construction Hoist Facts:

- Individual general contractors and crane rental companies typically own these temporary construction hoists and use the same lifts for many years on different jobs
- Contractors use their on-staff personnel to install the hoists they own.
- The workers who install these hoists are trained on the specific type of hoist their company owns and are not general elevator mechanics.
- Temporary construction hoists are already covered by very stringent OSHA rules of installation and operation under Chapters 1926.552 through 1926.555 and have an excellent safety record in Wisconsin.
- Temporary construction hoists are intended for the use of the contractor's own employees and not transporting the general public.



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