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STATE ISSUES WARNING ABOUT HOME ELEVATORS, DUMBWAITERS

(Salem) Recently, an accident involving a dumbwaiter located in a private Oregon residence resulted in the death of the homeowner. The state Building Codes Division wants to inform Oregonians of the potential hazards that *may* exist from elevator-type devices installed without a valid state safety inspection. Owners of homes with any of the following power-driven devices can contact BCD's Elevator Safety Program to arrange for a free courtesy safety inspection:

- Dumbwaiters
- Wheelchair lifts
- Stairway chair lifts
- Residential elevators.

"Our concern is for the safety of you and your family," says Jim Runyan, chief elevator inspector at BCD.

Elevator Safety Program staff can be reached to schedule an inspection by calling 503-373-1298 or toll free 1-800-442-7457 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Note: This message does not apply to non-power-driven devices.

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