

MARYLAND'S SAFETY RECORD

Escalators are certainly a convenience, but used improperly they can be hazardous, causing unnecessary injuries.

Even with a stringent elevator and escalator safety inspection programs, Maryland is not without accidents. Although our accident rate is low, accidents do occur. Some accidents cause serious injury – even death.

How can you help?

If you see an escalator (or elevator) that does not appear safe, or one on which an accident has occurred, call the Elevator/Escalator Safety Inspection Unit of the Division of Labor and Industry. Call (410) 767-2350.

Remember...

Supervise children and stay clear of the pinch areas. Step over the comb plate on or off the escalator.



Maryland Escalator Safety



Safety Inspection Unit—Escalators

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Learn more about Escalator and Elevator Safety in
Maryland by logging onto:
www.labor.maryland.gov/labor/safety/elev.shtml

Steps to Safety on Escalators

Safety Tips

Due to concerns about accidental deaths and serious injuries that have occurred on escalators, these safety tips are provided.



CHECK that there are no loose strings, scarves, belts, skirts, or coats that can get caught in the sides or grooves of the steps.



STAND in the center of the step with your feet slightly apart. Do not walk up or down the escalator. You could trip!



HOLD the handrail in order to maintain balance in the event of a sudden stop.



STEP OVER the comb-plate when exiting. Shoes, especially soft-soled shoes, can get caught between the step tread and the comb-plate.



Escalators are equipped with safety stop measures to help protect users.

Built-in safety stop switches will stop the escalator if something gets wedged. In an

emergency, use safety stop buttons located at both the top and bottom of the escalator.



- Step on and off with care, and take extra care if you wear bifocals.
- Always stand facing forward.
- Never bring strollers, walkers or carts of any type on an escalator.
- Pay close attention and attend to small children.
- Hold onto the handrails and avoid the sides under the rail.
- Move quickly and away from exit areas.
- Never walk on a escalator that is not moving.

Take the elevator...

- IF your hands are full
- IF you have poor eyesight
- IF you have a child in a stroller
- IF you use a wheelchair
- IF you use a delivery hand-truck

Safety tips for parents

To ensure the safety of a child, always:

HOLD a child's hand or carry the child in one arm. Always hold onto the handrail with your other hand.

KEEP children away from the sides of an escalator. Make sure children stand in the middle of the steps to minimize the chances of fingers and shoes getting caught. A child's foot can easily get caught between the moving step and the sides of the escalator.

HELP a child on and off the escalator.

KEEP children's hands off moving stairs.

ALWAYS supervise children while riding on the escalator.

DO NOT USE A STROLLER or any other wheeled vehicle. They could tip over or become jammed in the entrance or exit.

