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Sent: 29/09/2015 14:31:48
To: 'Simon Lawrence' [slawrence@rydon.co.uk]; Steve Blake [SBlake@rydon.co.uk]
CC: REED Neil [neil.reed-ext@uk.arteliagroup.com]; MALCOLM Andrew [andrew.malcolm-ext@uk.arteliagroup.com]; Jason North [jnorth@rydon.co.uk]
Subject: RE: Grenfell lift

Simon

Can you please confirm you have put up the notices in the lifts to say in case of emergency go to the second/walkway level? This is as your H&S team recommendation as below email.

Also I asked last week that you replace the ground floor notice with all the various floor levels on it. I appreciate this was removed from your noticeboard, but it does need to be replaced. I asked that you also replace the A4 laminated signs on each floor, until the signage is agreed/installed – could you do this too just to make sure we will have no H&S issues?

Our Fire Risk Assessor had asked the below. You mention in the email below that you had talked this over with the fire brigade. Did they confirm anything in writing, specifically in relation to the extract below?

The lifts in this building are fire fighter/evacuation lifts, have they been reprogrammed so that the fire service can control them from the walkway level? If so can the service documents and certificates from the lift contractors please be forwarded so that there is evidence if required that the lifts are in full working order as fire fighter/evacuation lifts.

Thanks

Claire Williams
Project Manager



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From: Simon Lawrence [mailto:slawrence@rydon.co.uk]
Sent: 11 September 2015 10:48
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Subject: RE: Grenfell lift

Morning Claire,

I understand your concern but I don't believe you have any working systems within Grenfell that will send the lifts to ground in case of a fire. In any case there certainly aren't any audible alarms apart from the smoke detectors within the residents own flats and a lift button that residents press if they are stuck in a broken lift.

I believe that you only have an existing visual fire alarm panel on walkway level inside the front door which flashes a light if a smoke detector in the communal is tripped. It can't be connected to the lifts because over the past year there has been some flashing lights when smoke heads have been tripped or faulty but the lifts still work fine.

If you remember this fire panel was originally located behind the old concierge desk on the ground floor. At that time your strategy involved the Concierge or Security guard seeing the light flashing then calling either the fire brigade or your emergency callout team. Over a year ago this was moved to walkway when the concierge got stripped out. Since then I don't believe you have anyone monitoring the panel because there is no longer a concierge. So effectively it is redundant.

I can only think that maybe your lifts either reset themselves because of a fault or someone was working on the lifts at the time and one of the residents happened to be in the lift at the same time. It may be worth you talking to your lift maintenance engineers. Alternatively it could just be one of the residents group taking the lift down to the lower floors where we are working and realising that they cannot get out because of our hoarding. Then asking the question what happens in a fire.

I've consulted my H&S manager this morning and reviewed the situation. Our thoughts are that we could put temporary signs in the lifts advising that residents should go to Floor 2 (Walkway level) in the event of an emergency. Other than that your fire strategy will stay the same, which is a stay put policy. The main entrance/exit is only at walkway level and your existing emergency staircase also ends at walkway level. We have a process in place with the Fire Brigade that they can access the ground floor to get to the dry riser, etc.

Regards

Simon Lawrence, ACIOB, MInstLM
Contracts Manager

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From: Claire Williams [<mailto:clwilliams@kctmo.org.uk>]

Sent: 11 September 2015 09:28

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Subject: RE: Grenfell lift

Hi Simon

After our conversation I have asked about audible alarms, and will check with Alex Bosman/Chubb on the fire panels.

I have asked Peter Maddison to let me know which flat reported this so we can get some feedback.

Meantime, there is an issue if the lift goes to ground – as residents cannot escape from within your cordon. I am mindful that you are away next week, so can you please pick up with H&S/CDM and Artelia how this needs to work to ensure safety for residents and any visitors.

Thanks

Claire Williams
Project Manager



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Subject: Re: Grenfell lift

Claire,

I've had a chat with Jason and apparently I was wrong. During early fire brigade meetings with Simon O we were told that the lifts have to be brought down to ground in case of emergency. Which what they still do.

On the phone you said that there was a fire alarm which brought the lifts down to ground. I can't understand how that is possible because you do not have any audible fire alarms in the communal areas. In addition to this I don't believe that the existing panel by the walkway entrance door is working anyway. So I'm not sure what has happened.

Do you have anymore information? Is it possible that the lift alarm button was pressed by the resident in error which brought the lift down?

Regards

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Subject: Grenfell lift

Simon

Further to our telecon of today, can you please confirm that your contractors have adjusted the current 2 lifts to both stop at 'walkway'/level 2 (rather than the ground/street level) in case of fire.

Thanks

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