



SUB-TOPIC

**ELEVATORS**

Elevators represent a considerable capital investment, the total amount of which is dependent upon the classes of service provided and number of floors served. Generally this figure is between \$100,000 and \$150,000 per elevator installation.

Since all campus elevators are maintained as an institutional service (see "Institutional Services," this section), the Physical Plant is responsible for their maintenance and repair and is concerned primarily with two (2) important criteria:

1. Making each elevator serve in its most useful capacity and meet all code requirements, and
2. Limiting repair and maintenance expenditures to an amount consistent with providing safe, appropriate service. The safety with which elevators operate is of paramount importance and concern. For this reason, the Physical Plant provides service contracts for the maintenance of elevators.

It is important that faculty, staff, students and visitors be permitted to use elevators at any time. Through automation, elevator operation has become an accepted responsibility of the persons using them and all UTD elevators are designed for automated operation.

Safety alarm devices incorporated into the elevator design take into account all foreseeable hazards; however, in the event of a malfunction, a telephone has been installed in each elevator. This phone is linked to the UTD Police Dispatcher who will dispatch personnel to the malfunctioning elevator. Instructions regarding what to do in the case of a power failure or mechanical difficulty are posted in each elevator car. Any operational problems with university elevators should be promptly reported to the Work Control Supervisor at Extension 2177.