



# Guide for Emergency Personnel

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## ASME A17.4 – 2015

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Significant revisions and updates have been made since the last publication in 1999.

Key changes to this revision include:

- Rescue team organization and training
- Evacuation procedures from elevator cars
- Rescue following an earthquake
- Elevator system lockdown
- Firefighters' service operating procedures (updated to 2010 edition of A17.1)
- Emergency/standby power operation

A17.4 is to be used in conjunction with other volumes of ASME's A17 series of safety standards. Careful application of these A17 safety standards will help users to comply with applicable regulations within their jurisdictions, while achieving the operational and safety benefits to be gained from the many industry best-practices detailed within these volumes.

**Intended for** building owners, lessees, and operating managements, along with anyone engaged in the safety of elevators, escalators and related conveyances.

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