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SAFETY OF EXISTING LIFTS

(French case)



ELA Conference Naples, April 7th, 2011 Accident d'ascenseur à P Parisieni



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WHY SUCH A LAW?

- > Fatal accidents: May 2001 & May 2002
- > The French media emphasized the events
 - Safety & Security are major citizens and politicians concerns
 - The Lift is part of daily life
 - Everybody feels concerned
- > THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES CONSIDERED THE SUBJECT AS A PRIORITY



FRENCH PORTFOLIO IN 2003

- > 450 000 units
- > 60% > 20 years old
- > 2000 accidents / year
- > 10 fatal accidents /year (users & employees)
- > 3 retrofit regulations (1951, 1986, 1995)
- ➤ Only 2% of lifts are modernised each year



1st phase : ended 31/12/2010



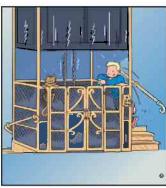
Unsafe locking device of landing door



Unlocking of landing door possible without a special tool



No or inadequate devices on power operated doors



Partially enclosed well with too low enclosure



No or inadequate safety gear



Inadequate length of car apron



Insufficient safety spaces in headroom and/or pit



No or unsafe means of access to machine and pulley room



Inadequate locking devices on access to well and pit

2nd phase: before July 2013



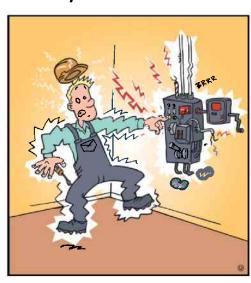
Drive system with bad levelling accuracy lifts < 1982



No or inadequate alarm device



Inadequate glass in doors



Insufficient protection and marking of No or inadequate means on sheaves electrical equipment



pulleys and sprockets against injury



Inadequate lighting in machine & pulley room

3rd phase: before July 2018





Drive system with bad levelling accuracy lifts > 1982



Ascending overspeed



SAE LAW

(Sécurité des Ascenseurs Existants)

MINISTER GILLES de ROBIEN ON JULY 15th, 2002

- → The owners have 15 years to retrofit 17 risks on their existing lifts
- → A maintenance contract is compulsory, contents are clarified (responsibilities)
- → Technical control by 3rd party every 5 years



MAINTENANCE & INSPECTION

MAINTENANCE OBLIGATIONS

Inspired by EN 13015, with no deregulation

- → Clarify owners and maintenance companies obligations
- → Increase the level of contractual requirements

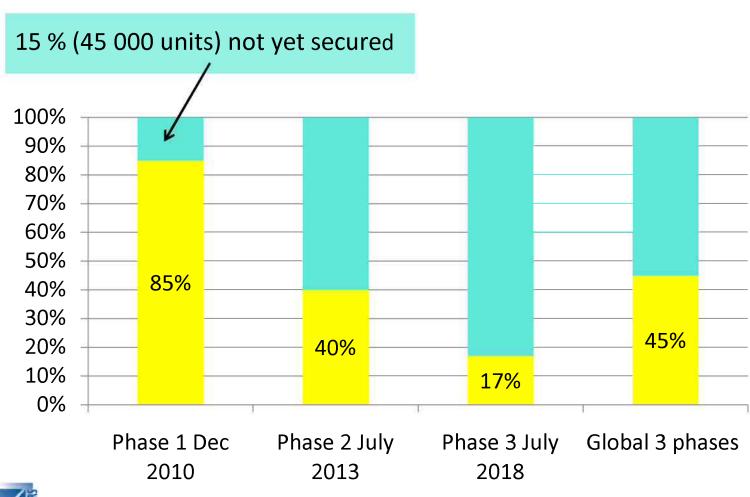
PERIODICAL TECHNICAL INSPECTION

Inspired by EN 13013-1 and EN81-80

- → Achieved by independent & competent third party
- → Periodicity = 5 years

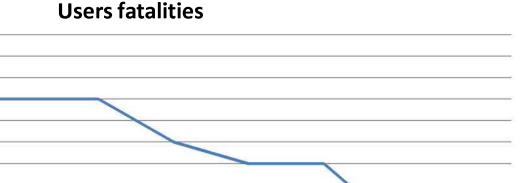


WHERE ARE WE TODAY?





IMPACT ON SAFETY OF USERS



Serious and fatal accidents were divided by 3

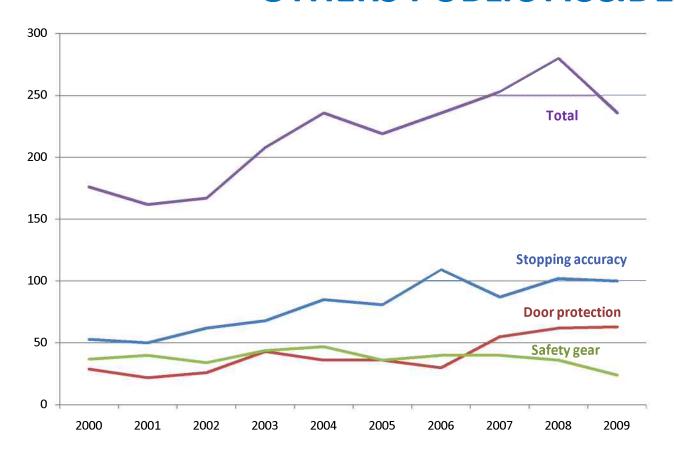
• Most serious & fatal accidents have a cause covered by the 17 measures

Accidents occurred where the measures were not yet applied

• Since 2000, 85% of these accidents could have been prevented by the SAE law



OTHERS PUBLIC ACCIDENTS



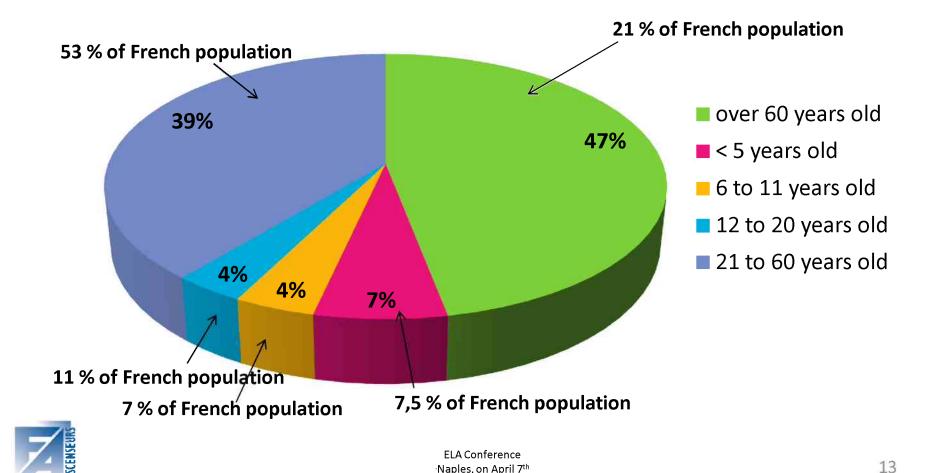
Main causes 2009

- 42% Fall due to bad stopping accuracy
- 27% Lack of protection on automatic doors
- 10% Excessive decelaration during stopping (safety gear)

•Evolution 2000→2009

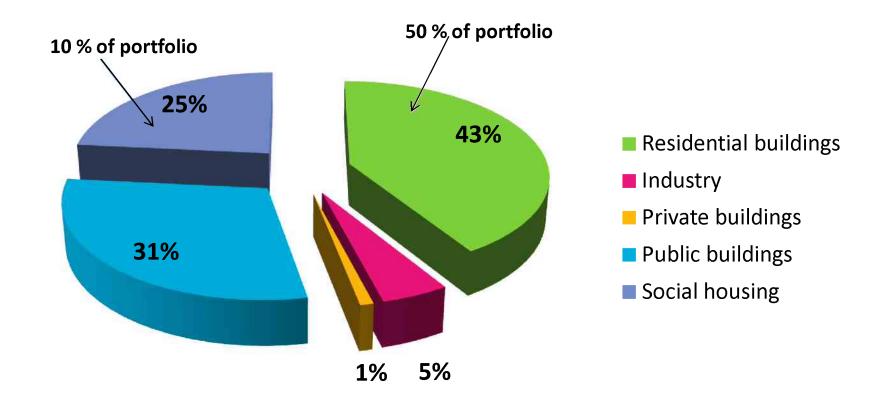
- -Stopping accuracy: **x 2** (measure 2013)
- -Door protection: x 3 (measure 2010 lift<1982)
- -Safety gear: **X 0,80** (measure 2010)

ACCIDENTS / AGE



·Naples, on April 7th

ACCIDENTS / BUILDING TYPE





MAIN CONCLUSIONS ON USERS ACCIDENTS

 These figures show that the SAE law has positively impacted serious accidents which were covered by the 1st step of SAE. If nothing had been done, their number would have probably doubled as the other accidents were not yet affected by the SAE law.

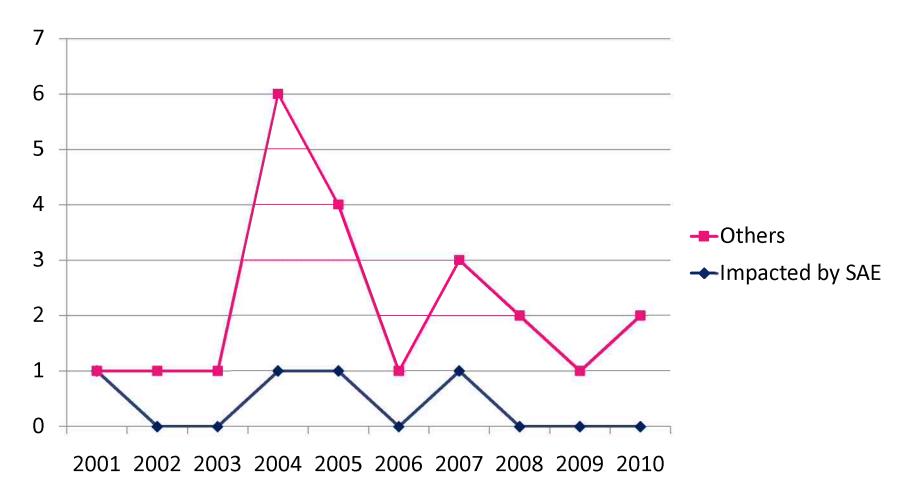






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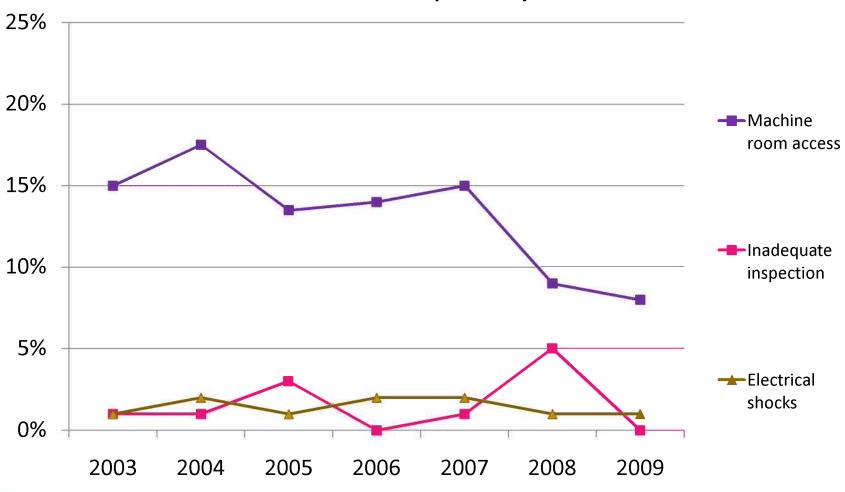
Workers serious & fatal accidents on existing lifts excluding road accidents





WORKERS SAFETY ACCIDENTS

Workers accidents impacted by SAE





MAIN CONCLUSION FOR WORKERS



- SAE 2010 only covers space in extreme position & machine room access
- Fatal accidents are reduced by 40%
- Only 20% of the accidents are covered by SAE (modernisation & installation not covered & no impact on travelling accidents)
- % of accidents due to unsafe access to machine room X 0,50



OTHERS IMPACTS OF THIS LAW

- Reliability was improved after the start-up period
- Contribution to refurbishment of portfolio and suppression of obsolescence
- Harmonized safety level on all lift generations
- Improved accessibility with alignment to EN 81-70 when possible (signals, buttons, remote alarm, level accuracy,...).
- Impact on energy savings (Frequency converters, LEDS, standby...)







Thank you for attention

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