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		Code Section <u>R323.1 &amp;.2</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	ACCESSIBILITY CODE	<input type="checkbox"/>	FUEL AND GAS CODE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OTHER (RIGL 23-33-1)

**QUESTION:**

Is there a conflict between the RI SBC-2 Amendment R323.1 & R323.2 and the RIGL 23-33-1 RISBC Amends the following and references.

R323.1 Elevators. Where provided, passenger elevators, limited-use/limited-application elevators or private residence elevators shall comply with R.I. Elevator Code

R323.2 Platform lifts. Where provided platform lifts shall comply with R.I. Elevator Code

RIGL for elevators states in its definition that "building" is other than a private dwelling

CHAPTER 23-33 Elevators, Escalators, and Dumbwaiters

(2) "Building" means any structure existing or hereafter erected in any part of this state except a private dwelling when used as such, and except any building located on a United States government reservation.

**INTERPRETATION:**

The above Elevator Law reference and the amendments to the "One and Two Family Dwelling Code" both ultimately refer to the same ASME Standard (ASME A17.1 and ASME A18.1) for Elevator or Lift equipment. RIGL 23-33 does not address a private (single family) dwelling as a building under it's definition,

The Reference to the RI Elevator code is for the Equipment, installation of equipment, and license and professionals required to install such equipment. The Building construction and enclosure requirements fall in this instance to the single family portion of the One and Two Family Dwelling Code. (Shafts or even Exits are not required to be enclosed.). This applies only to elevators or lifts entirely within a single family (private) dwelling unit.

As the RISBC-2 code also addresses TWO FAMILY STRUCTURES the elevator code would apply if a design included a shared elevator within a two-family dwelling. Then the definition of building would apply, and the enclosure requirements listed for buildings would also apply.

If each private dwelling in the two family dwelling had an individual elevator then the building requirements would not apply.

Therefore all elevator equipment is treated the same (ASME A17.1) it is the enclosure or shaft provisions and fire alarm provisions which are then left to the single residence criteria.

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