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“An elevator fails an inspection doesn’t mean it is dangerous”

Two dozen elevators in Chicago’s publicly funded high-rise apartments have not passed a safety inspection in years, part of a striking failure of oversight directly related to hundreds of frantic 911 calls placed by elderly residents trapped inside. In fact, an analysis of thousands of public records reveals none of the 150 elevators then in the Chicago Housing Authority’s fleet was inspected for the entire year of 2016. The previous year, records indicate 136 flunked an inspection yet still were issued certificates by the city, permitting their operation and attesting to their safety. In 2017, all but one of CHA’s elevators that records show were inspected that year failed at least once, according to CHA inspections records obtained under the Freedom of Information Act. Those are among findings of a seven-month joint investigation by the Better Government Association and WBEZ following repeated complaints about elevators from elderly, often frail, CHA residents. They see a disconnect between assurances of safety from bureaucrats and the fearful day-to-day reality of getting stuck in an elevator or becoming prisoners in their high-rise apartments with no realistic means to get out.



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Chicago Man killed in elevator shaft fall

A man died Monday afternoon after falling down an elevator shaft while working at a Logan Square neighborhood building. Emergency crews responded about noon to the building at 4000 W. Diversey, according to Chicago Police. Rafael Chacon, 51, was found in the elevator shaft and taken to Illinois Masonic Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead at 1:47 p.m., police and the Cook County Medical Examiner’s Office said.



He lived in the Little Village neighborhood. An autopsy Tuesday found Chacon died from multiple injuries suffered in the fall and his death was ruled an accident, the medical examiner’s office said. The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating the death, according to an agency spokeswoman. OSHA has up to six months to complete the investigation. *Sun-Times Wire*

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EVENT	LOCATION
Sept 24th - 27th 69th Annual Convention Atlantic City, NJ	
Thursday October 4th CEA Meeting Oakbrook Eklund’s Speaker	
Thursday November 1st CEA Meeting Oakbrook VATOR Speaker	
Wednesday December 5th Christmas Party TBD Location	



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