

Safety Alert



SUBJECT: Hoist Failure

RECIPIENTS: Adult Day Care & Children's Homes

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Molift air 200 ceiling hoist

Recently a **molift air 200** ceiling hoist failed whilst in use at an LCC site.

Staff were in attendance at the time, and the failure had a minimal impact in relation to injury. A difficult situation for those involved, and potential for serious injury.

NRS are aware and are visiting site tomorrow to carry out an appraisal of the failed equipment. Findings will be shared within relevant service areas.

What measures can be taken to reduce the risk of a re occurrence?

If your staff and those we support are currently using the same model (molift air 200) of ceiling hoist, the following steps should be taken:

- If an alternative hoist is available, use it instead of the molift air 200.

If no other hoist type is available, and a molift 200 air hoist must be used, ensure that:

- A current Thorough Examination Certificate is in place.
- Only staff that have been trained in the use of Ceiling Hoists are to operate them.
- Pre use checks of the equipment are to be carried out and a record kept

When should a Thorough Examination Certificate be issued?

- Before use for the first time, unless the item is new and has a declaration of conformity not more than 12 months old.
- After assembly if the item was assembled on site
- Every 6 months
- After any exceptional circumstances, such as being out of use for a long time or major damage

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