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**Applicable Edition of ASME A17.1 Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators**

**Code:** Building Code

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**Section:** Chapter 35

**Code:** Residential Code

**Section:** Chapter 44

**Code:** Energy Code

**Section:** Chapter C6

**Code:** Existing Code

**Section:** Chapter 16

**Code:** Fire Code

**Section:** Chapter 80

**Question:**

Can the most current edition of ASME A17.1 be used in place of the edition designated in the “Referenced Standards” chapters of the NC State Building Codes?

**Answer:**

The permit holder or his designee should contact the NC Department of Labor (NCDOL) before ordering or installing elevator equipment to find out what edition of ASME A17.1 NCDOL will be using to inspect the elevator. The edition designated by NCDOL is the edition that the code enforcement official should be using instead of the edition listed in the NC State Building Codes.

Since NCDOL does not inspect elevators in one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses constructed under the NC Residential Code, the ASME A17.1 edition listed in the code, or a later edition is acceptable as long as the elevator or lift meets all the provisions of one edition or the other. The permit holder cannot mix information from two different editions.

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