

ELEVATOR SAFETY

ELEVATORS

are present in most buildings as an alternative accessibility method between levels. Like all mechanical equipment, elevators can infrequently breakdown, sometimes resulting in people trapped inside. Approximately 50% of breakdowns on campus are caused by a malfunction or maintenance issue, and 50% by the actions of the elevator passenger. It is important to know how to safely use an elevator to lower the potential of a malfunction or breakdown resulting in an injury or entrapment.

EXAMPLE ACTIONS THAT CAN CAUSE BREAKDOWNS:

- Jumping
- Dancing
- Forcing the doors to remain open when closing (especially when buzzing)
- Overloading the rating
- Placing too much weight to one side
- Pressing too many buttons at once

WHAT TO DO!

- Do not attempt to stop a closing elevator door with your arm, leg, or any other body part. Press the recall button and wait.
- If trapped inside, do not panic! Use your UO radio, cell phone, elevator phone, or push the elevator alarm to contact help. UOPD and CPFM will coordinate a timely response.
- Never use equipment that requires a cord through the elevator door, e.g. a vacuum or extension cord.
- If you are injured due to an elevator issue, notify your supervisor immediately!
- Report elevator malfunctions to CPFM's Work Control.
- If a person has a medical emergency while trapped in an elevator, call 911!



Avoid behaviors that can cause a breakdown!



If entrapment occurs, do not panic! Call for assistance.



Report potential elevator malfunctions to CPFM.

