

WAC 296-96-02580 Inspection keys. (1) All keys necessary for the operation and maintenance of the elevator(s) shall be provided and kept on-site in a key retainer box.

(2) The key retainer box shall be:

(a) Located in the elevator lobby at the designated level above the hall buttons or located by the machine room door at a height not more than 72 in. above the floor. Access to the key box shall not require passage through locked doors;

(b) Readily accessible to inspection personnel;

(c) Clearly labeled "ELEVATOR;"

(d) Securely mounted;

(e) Equipped with a 1-inch mortise cylinder cam lock with keyway set to a #39504 barrel type key;

(f) Keys for access to the elevator machine rooms and for operating elevator equipment shall be labeled as to their function and kept in the key box;

(g) Mechanical hoistway access devices shall be located in the key box. Where the key cannot fit into the key box, it may be located in the machine/control room;

(h) Where the box cannot be located as indicated in (a) of this subsection, it shall be permitted to be in an unsecured location (such as the outside portion of a condominium). Other arrangements shall be accommodated with the written permission of the department;

(i) No persons except the building owner and inspectors shall have access to the key box; and

(j) All other keys kept elsewhere on-site shall be segregated into groups and secured as required by ASME A17.1/CSA B44, Section 8.1.

Exceptions: The cities of Seattle and Spokane may designate their own options for keys and lockbox arrangement via their rule processes. Residential elevators are exempt from this section.

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