

New process for residential vertical platform lift inspections

To make it easier to comply with state laws requiring a residential vertical platform lift (VPL) to be inspected before it is put into service, the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry is expanding the use of the smartphone-based VuSpex Go app for residential VPL inspections.

Implementation of VuSpex Go for VPL inspections

Starting May 19, 2025, all residential VPL installations must be inspected and reported by the installer before being placed into service. This report, submitted by the installer, is known as an offline field report (OFR).

Conducting OFR inspections

The VuSpex Go app lets licensed and registered unlicensed installers obtain an inspection immediately after completing an installation and submit an OFR in minutes. This process eliminates the need for scheduling with the state inspector. Inspections through VuSpex Go can be submitted at any time — 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Preparing for OFRs

This notification is sent to the primary contact for elevator contractors who have installed residential VPLs in Minnesota. **The recipient is responsible for ensuring that the contractor's licensed or registered unlicensed installers are ready to submit residential VPL OFRs by May 19, 2025.**

Prior to May 19, 2025, installers must download the VuSpex Go app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and set up an account. Detailed instructions can be found in the [VuSpex Go OFR Guide](#).

To become familiar with the process, installers are encouraged to submit a practice OFR using permit number **ELV-P2404-0307**. The practice OFR does not need to be related to a residential VPL installation and its photo and video content will not be reviewed. Its sole purpose is to confirm that the app is installed correctly, an account is set up successfully, and the installer understands the submission process. Installers should complete this practice OFR before May 19, 2025. The [VuSpex Go OFR Guide](#) also provides step-by-step instructions for completing an OFR.

This streamlined approach ensures a smoother inspection process while maintaining compliance with state regulations.

Questions?

- Contact us at elevator.inspections.dli@state.mn.us or 651-284-5071.
- View the [VuSpex Go offline field report guide](#).
- [View more about elevator inspections and permits](#).