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DO YOUR OVERHEAD DOORS COMPLY WITH OHS LAW?

Even though overhead door systems are very common, they are almost always overlooked as safety hazards, even in organizations with excellent safety programs.

But this oversight can have catastrophic consequences as commercial overhead doors are heavy, hang high in the air, are dynamic, and often operate in building openings where there is pedestrian traffic.

To operate reliably and meet OSHA standards, your **overhead doors must be properly maintained and configured with safety devices**. We use SafedoorPM to take care of your door systems. Here's why:

- ✓ **SafedoorPM ensures your doors receive the right maintenance, to the right standards, at the right times.** Our PM work plans are benchmarked to manufacturers' specifications and industry best practices, because these are the standards that matter.
- ✓ **SafedoorPM is designed to comply with OSHA regulations**, and specifically addresses important safety devices and accessories such as sensing edges and photo-eyes.
- ✓ **SafedoorPM keeps your PM costs down.** SafedoorPM's mobile app helps our service technicians work more productively by putting all the PM information they need at their fingertips.
- ✓ **You'll always have detailed PM records, securely stored in the Cloud.** SafedoorPM makes record-keeping truly no-hassle, and gives you the critical back-up you need if there is ever an incident.

We'll properly care for your doors ... affordably.

During a SafedoorPM, we will **inspect, check, lubricate, tighten, balance, and test your doors**, operators and safety accessories. All mechanical and structural elements, settings, and controls will be assessed and graded. We'll pay special attention to safety devices to ensure your doors are compliantly configured, and that **all safety devices are functioning properly**.

We'll provide you with **detailed inspection records** that clearly identify any corrective work needed to address critical safety hazards or operational problems. Any corrective service work will proceed only with your authorization. Quotations and estimates are provided.

To ensure your doors remain properly cared for, we'll **recommend an ongoing PM schedule**, keep track of the PM calendar, and contact you as the next PM interval approaches.

All of your **PM records will be securely stored** on SafedoorPM's cloud-based Customer Portal, where you can access them 24/7.

OSHA Standards

Overhead doors systems are subject to OSHA compliance standards, specifically **Section 5(a)(1)** of the *Occupational Safety & Health Act of 1970*. State OSH Plans may impose additional standards. Section 5(a)(1) has been used as the basis for overhead door-related OSHA citations and penalties, and OSHA enforcement has cited improperly maintained and/or installed door systems as well as the absence of entrapment devices as causing unacceptable exposure to "Crushing" or "Struck-by" hazards. Below are several examples:

"... overhead garage doors did not have a safety device edge, door stop sensors and proper signage."

"... two 14 foot wide overhead garage doors did not have a safety device edge or door stop sensors."

"... employer failed to ensure that the overhead door in Bay #3 was adequately constructed and adjusted to prevent it from coming off the track."

OSHA abatement typically instructs to "hire a professional to install the safety devices and conduct periodic inspections."