

Home Lift Not Working? Common Faults and What to Do Next

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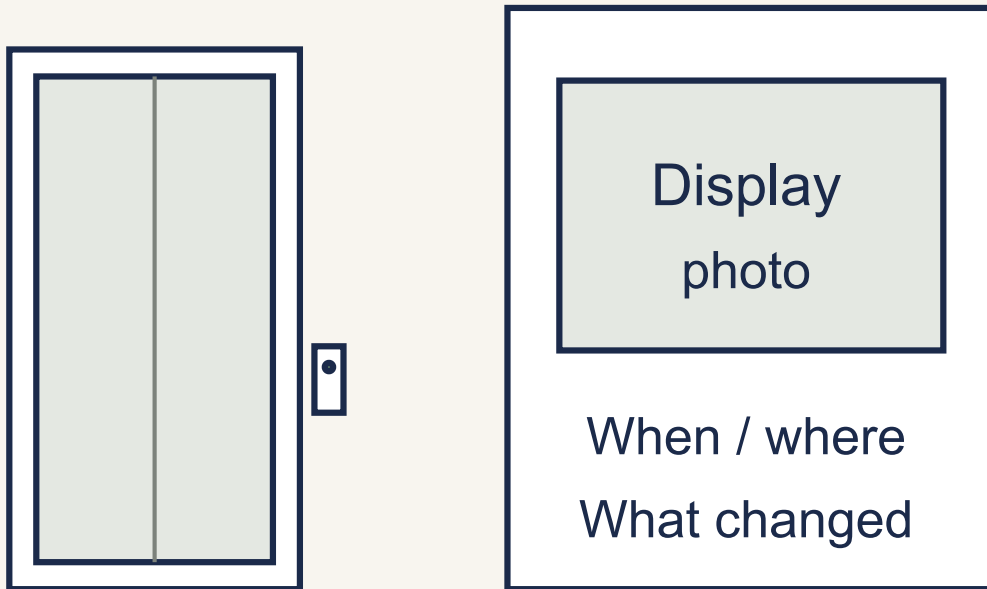
If your home lift stops, makes an unfamiliar noise or behaves abnormally, keep people safe before trying to explain the fault. Note any displayed code and what happened, without forcing doors or repeatedly resetting the equipment. The maintenance provider can use those observations to organise an assessment; they are not a diagnosis or permission to keep using it.

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A useful fault report describes what happened

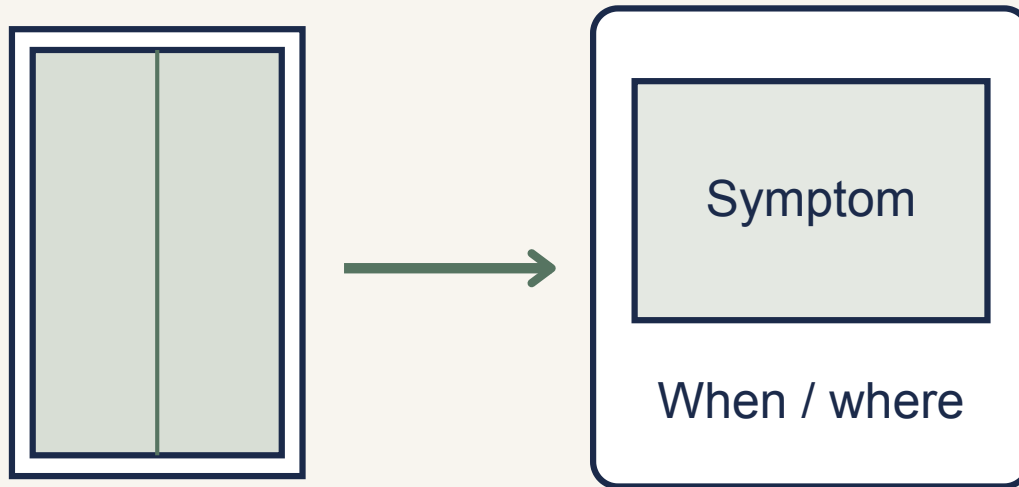


Record symptoms for the service provider

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A display photo, the location and what changed help describe a fault. A symptom record does not establish the cause or authorise a reset.

Before You Panic: What a Faulting Lift Is Telling You



Observe and report

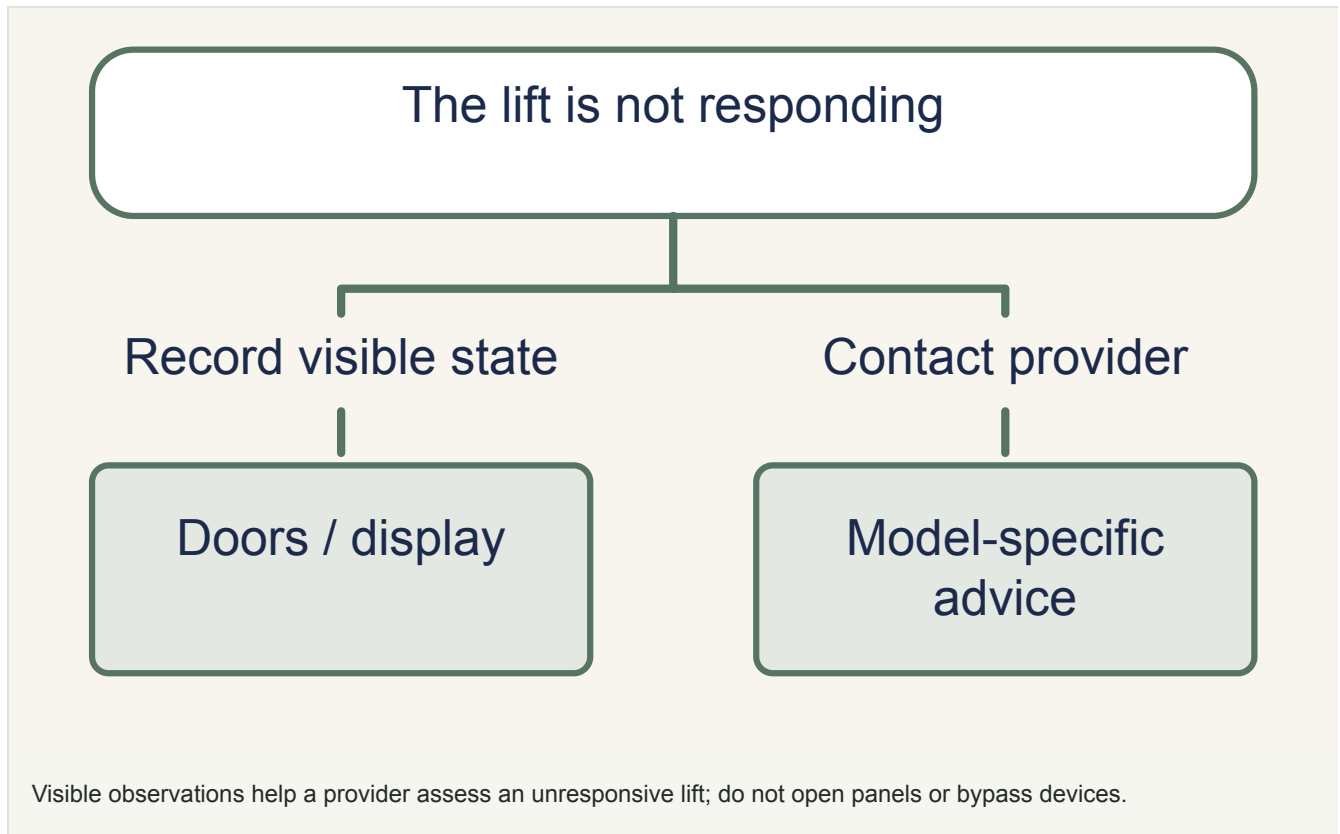
Record what happened and contact the service provider; the illustration gives no repair or reset procedure.

A home lift that stops, jerks, makes a new noise or fails to close its doors should be reported to its maintenance contractor. Similar symptoms can arise from different faults, and some stopping behaviour is the safety system preventing movement. The symptom alone cannot establish that the problem is minor or that the lift is safe to try again.

Your useful role is to describe what happened: the floor, direction, display message and whether anyone is inside. Keep the maintenance provider's normal and emergency contacts available. Observing from a safe place can help the response; opening machinery covers or trying generic reset instructions can obscure the fault and create risk.

Keep the lift's operating and maintenance arrangements current. A service visit, required testing and a valid PTO are distinct matters. If the lift is out of use because of a fault or its operating status, a successful reset does not resolve that restriction.

The Lift Has Stopped Completely



If the lift stops responding, first establish whether anyone is inside and contact the provider accordingly. From a safe position, note whether nearby household power is also affected and whether the lift shows a code. Do not reset a tripped breaker, open the controller or repeatedly call the lift to see whether it will move.

A door not being recognised as closed, an activated stop control or another safety condition can prevent travel. Report what is visible without forcing the door, reaching into a track or changing a service keyswitch. Follow only the model's ordinary user instructions and the maintenance provider's direction; internal door locks and safety circuits are not owner adjustments.

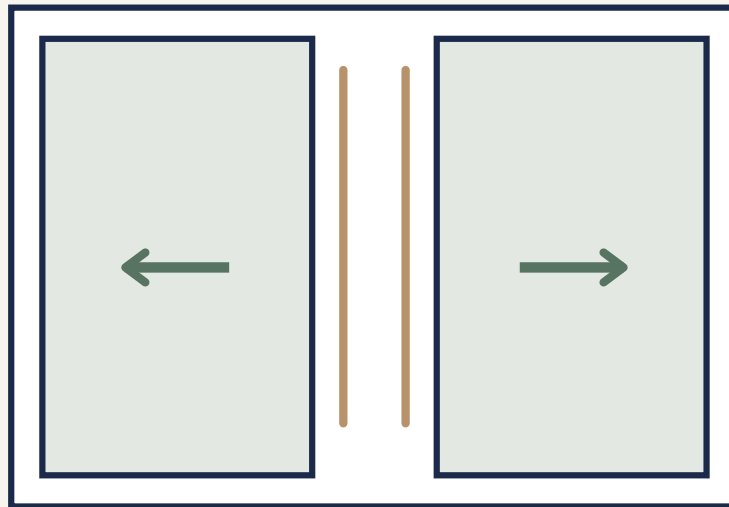
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Doors That Hesitate, Reopen, or Won't Close

Observe the doorway



Door behaviour needs model-specific diagnosis

A recurring door problem needs professional diagnosis; the illustration does not instruct adjustment or sensor work.

Reopening doors may be responding to something in the doorway, a detection problem or a mechanical fault. Keep people and belongings clear and record the behaviour. The fact that the door eventually closes does not prove an intermittent problem has resolved.

Do not reach into moving doors or tracks to clean a fault away. Normal user cleaning belongs to the manufacturer's instructions and a safe equipment state. Adjustment of sensors, door timing, locks and rollers belongs to the maintenance contractor. Report recurring obstruction indications even if the opening looks clear.

Jerky Rides, Strange Noises, and Error Codes

- Photograph the displayed code
- Note direction and floor
- Describe noise or movement
- Send to the service provider

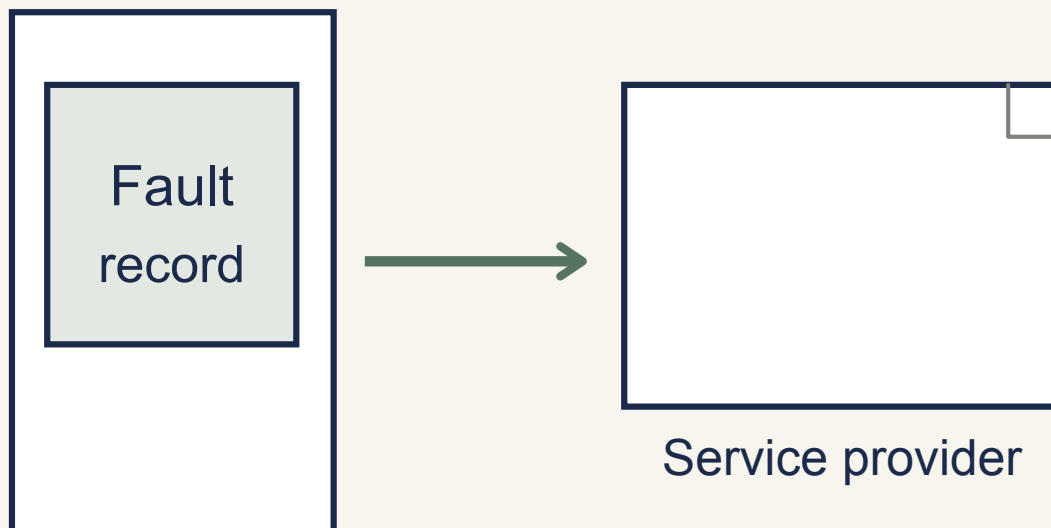
An error display and the circumstances of the symptom are useful together when reporting a fault.

Stop using a lift that develops jerky movement, unusual noise or uneven levelling and contact the maintenance provider. Drive, guide, door and control faults can produce overlapping symptoms. A new shudder is not evidence of harmless wear, and an owner cannot establish safety from how slight it feels.

Photograph an error display only where you can do so safely, and note what happened before it appeared. Codes are model-specific; a forum instruction for another lift may have a different meaning. Do not make repeated test trips to recreate a noise or clear the message before reporting it.

When Someone Is Trapped, and When to Stop Self-Checking

Keep reporting separate from intervention



Symptoms help the professional investigate

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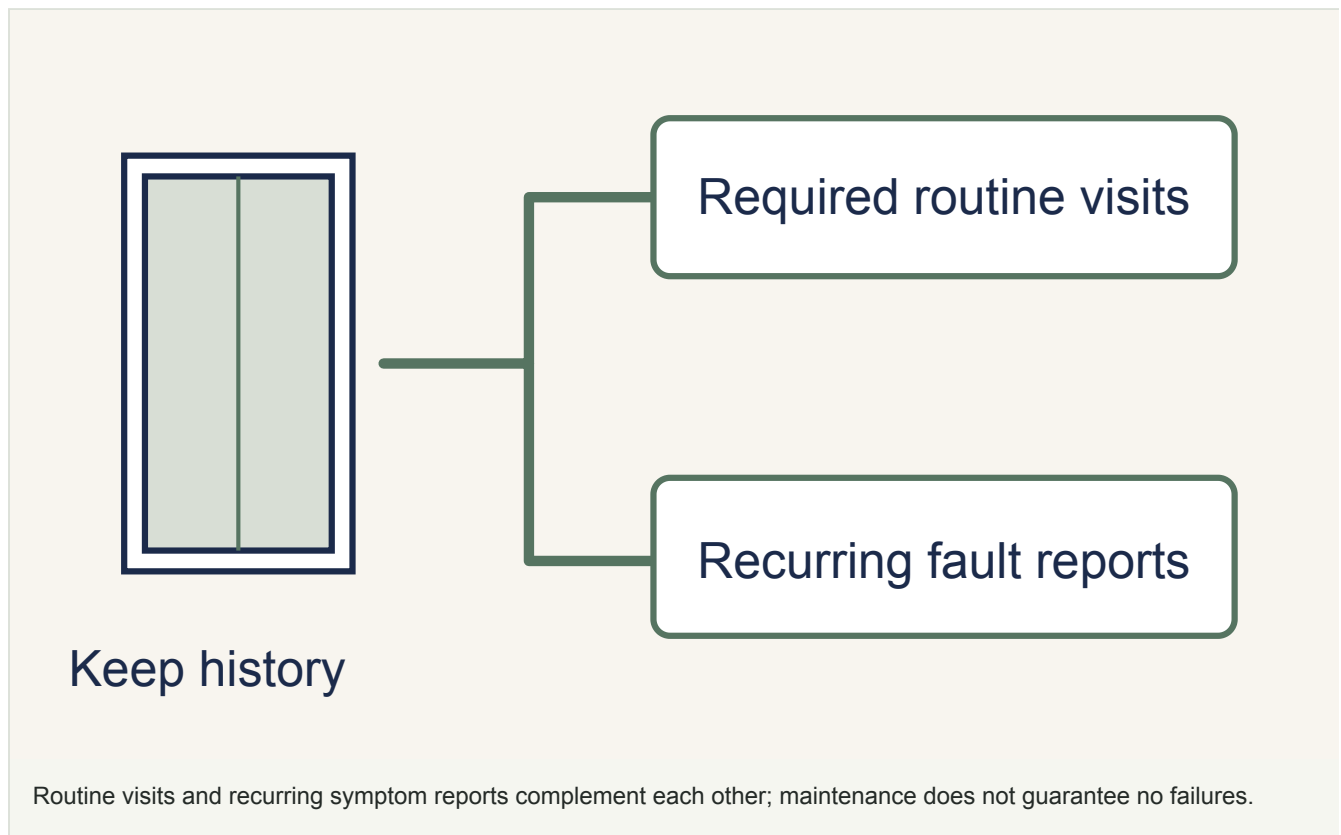
Send observations to the agreed service provider so a professional can investigate. Do not force doors or attempt an improvised intervention.

If someone is trapped, use the lift alarm or communication system and call the maintenance provider's emergency line. Keep in contact and follow the responder's instructions. Do not force doors, climb out or operate lowering equipment yourself. If there is fire, smoke, a medical emergency or immediate danger, contact emergency services promptly; waiting cannot be described as safe in every situation.

Keep people clear if there is smoke, a burning smell, water ingress, damaged doors or repeated electrical tripping. Do not enter the shaft, pit or machinery area. Tell the responding provider about these conditions before anyone approaches the equipment. The contractor should establish the fault

and conditions for returning the lift to service.

Keep Servicing Current and Report Recurring Faults



Regular servicing helps identify wear and faults, but it does not guarantee that a lift will never break down. Keep the service record and report recurring symptoms to the maintenance contractor. Ask for a [service contract](#) that distinguishes routine visits, inspections, call-outs and replacement parts so the household understands the ongoing commitment.

If the property has changed hands, identify the installed model, PTO status and maintenance provider before relying on the lift. Ask for the service and fault records and emergency contact details. A home lift project enquiry with [DirectHome](#) is separate from a provider's emergency response; during a fault, use the responsible maintenance contact.

Frequently asked questions

Why does my home lift beep but not move?

A beep may signal a door, control, charging or other condition, depending on the model. It is not a diagnosis. Record the displayed code and circumstances, keep clear of the mechanism and contact the maintenance provider. Do not force a door or bypass a control to make the lift move.

Is it safe to reset a home lift myself after it stops?

Do not use a generic breaker power-cycle as troubleshooting advice. Report the stop and follow the model's user instructions and maintenance provider's direction. Repeated resets or trial trips can mask a recurring fault. Never reset tripping equipment or investigate machinery yourself.

What should I do if someone is trapped inside a home lift in Singapore?

Use the alarm or communication system and call the lift maintenance emergency contact. Reassure the person and follow the responder's instructions. Do not force doors, climb out or operate lowering machinery. Contact emergency services for fire, smoke, a medical emergency or immediate danger.

How do I know whether a home lift fault is DIY or needs a technician?

Owner checks should remain safe observations and the normal actions described in the user manual. Machinery, wiring, interlocks, brakes, levelling and fault adjustment belong to the maintenance contractor. Report unusual movement or recurring stops and do not rely on a reset to prove safety.

Why has my home lift become noisy or jerky recently?

Several faults can cause new noise or jerky travel, so the symptom does not identify the component or prove that servicing alone will fix it. Stop use and contact the maintenance provider. Report the direction and floor from the original event rather than making test trips to reproduce it.

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