

# GOING UP?

Elevators and escalators safely move more people than any other form of transportation. See how they compare!

WE TRAVEL **2.825** BILLION MILES

IN ELEVATORS & ESCALATORS  
EACH YEAR IN THE U.S.<sup>1†</sup>

we take **103**  
BILLION  
PASSENGER TRIPS  
per year on elevators<sup>1</sup>

and **180**  
BILLION PASSENGERS  
take a ride on escalators per year<sup>1</sup>

THAT'S A TOTAL OF **283** BILLION PASSENGER TRIPS PER YEAR!

that's nearly **26x** more than

**RAIL<sup>2</sup> & AIR<sup>3</sup> ... COMBINED!**

or just over

**3/4 THE HIGHWAY TRIPS<sup>4</sup>**  
PER YEAR [371 BILLION]\*

\*PERSON-TRIPS IN PRIVATE VEHICLES IN 2017\*<sup>4</sup>

## SAFETY TIPS

### ELEVATORS

- ✓ IF THE ELEVATOR STALLS, STAY CALM AND WAIT FOR HELP TO ARRIVE
- ✓ STAND CLEAR OF CLOSING DOORS
- ✓ WATCH YOUR STEP WHEN ENTERING

### ESCALATORS

- ✗ NO STROLLERS, CARTS OR WHEELCHAIRS
- ✓ STAND CLEAR OF THE SIDES AND HOLD THE HANDRAIL
- ✗ NO CLIMBING, SITTING OR RIDING THE HANDRAIL



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† The total number of estimated passenger trips and distance data reflects typical travel conditions and was not adjusted for the COVID-19 pandemic. NEII acknowledges that during 2020 average travel would have been impacted by a variety of factors including adherence to CDC guidelines and a significant reduction in commuting.

1 National Elevator Industry, Inc. data based on typical travel patterns in North America

2 <https://www.apta.com/wp-content/uploads/2019-Q4-Ridership-APTA.pdf>

3 [https://www.transtats.bts.gov/Data\\_Elements.aspx?Data=1](https://www.transtats.bts.gov/Data_Elements.aspx?Data=1)

4 [https://nhts.ornl.gov/assets/2017\\_nhts\\_summary\\_travel\\_trends.pdf](https://nhts.ornl.gov/assets/2017_nhts_summary_travel_trends.pdf)