

Proper Morgue Lift Procedure

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Applicable to: OSUWMC and The James Medical Staff

BACKGROUND AND REPAIR STATUS

The hydraulic system for the lower ramp of the morgue lift is currently inoperable. Replacement parts have been ordered but are not expected to arrive until **late August**.

The morgue lift may continue to be used while repairs are pending; however, all staff must strictly follow the established operating and safety requirements outlined below. These precautions are part of normal lift operation and especially important while the lower ramp hydraulics are unavailable.

REQUIRED SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Keep the upper and lower gates to the lift area closed and securely latched at all times, except when actively loading and unloading.
- Passengers are not permitted on the lift.
- Secure all equipment and materials before operating the lift. Lock all wheels and position them perpendicular to the direction of movement.
- No staff members may remain within the lift area, including the marked yellow and red zones, while the lift is moving.
- The lift operator must remain inside the operator cage with the cage door closed throughout operation.

These requirements must be followed every time the lift is used.

Failure to follow them could result in serious injury and may require lift operations to be suspended until repairs are completed.

Please share this information with all clinical teams and staff who utilize the morgue lift. Leaders should review these requirements with their teams and reinforce the importance of following them without exception.

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