

Where **Talk-and-Text** Elevator Phones Are Required in Canada

CSA B44 · Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators

Canada's elevator safety code is **CSA B44**, published jointly with ASME A17.1 and adopted province by province. The **2019 edition (CSA B44-19)** introduced the two-way messaging and text-display requirement — Clause 2.27.1.1 — for new and modernized elevators, carried forward in 2022 and 2025. A province or territory requires talk-and-text once it has adopted CSA B44-19 or later.

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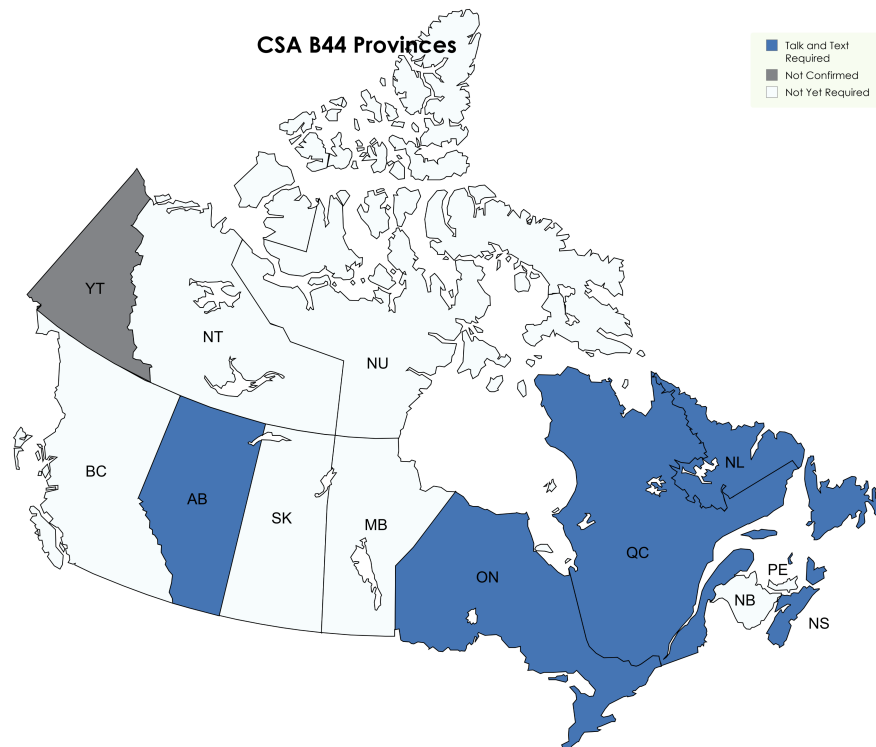
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NOT YET REQUIRED

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VERIFY LOCALLY

5 of 13 Canadian provinces and territories require talk-and-text emergency phones in elevators today.



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Provinces and territories shaded by CSA B44 adoption status. Always confirm the current edition with the authority having jurisdiction.

Province-by-Province Detail

PROVINCE / TERRITORY	CSA B44 EDITION	STATUS	NOTES
Alberta	B44-19	REQUIRED	CSA B44-19 in force since December 1, 2022 under the Elevating Devices Codes Regulation. (B44:25 is published but not in force until February 1, 2027.)
British Columbia	B44-16	NOT YET	B44-16 is the adopted edition. Technical Safety BC has consulted on adopting CSA B44:19; until that adoption is finalized, the two-way text requirement is not in effect.
Manitoba	B44-07	NOT YET	Currently on CSA B44-2007. B44-19 has been adopted and takes effect September 1, 2026 — the talk-and-text requirement begins on that date.
New Brunswick	B44-16	NOT YET	The provincial elevating-devices regulation references CSA B44-16; the two-way text requirement is not yet in effect.
Newfoundland and Labrador	B44-19	REQUIRED	CSA B44-19 adopted under the Public Safety Act elevating-devices regulations.
Northwest Territories	B44-07	NOT YET	Territorial codes and standards reference CSA B44-07; the two-way text requirement is not in effect.
Nova Scotia	B44-19	REQUIRED	CSA B44-19 adopted effective December 14, 2021.
Nunavut	B44-07	NOT YET	Operates on the CSA B44-2007 framework inherited from the Northwest Territories; the two-way text requirement is not in effect. Confirm the current edition with the territorial authority.
Ontario	B44-19	REQUIRED	CSA B44-19 adopted via TSSA Elevating Devices Code Adoption Document Amendment 295/22, in force 2022.
Prince Edward Island	B44-13	NOT YET	The consolidated Elevators and Lifts Act regulations define the code as ASME A17.1-2013 / CSA B44-13; the two-way text requirement is not in effect.
Quebec	B44-19	REQUIRED	CSA B44:19 adopted into the Construction Code (Chapter IV), in force July 13, 2024.
Saskatchewan	B44-13	NOT YET	Provincial passenger and freight elevator regulations reference CSA B44-2013; the two-way text requirement is not in effect.
Yukon	Verify	VERIFY	The current CSA B44 edition could not be confirmed from a published territorial regulation. Confirm with Yukon Building Safety and Standards before relying on a compliance status.

Changes on the Horizon

Two jurisdictions are moving toward the talk-and-text requirement. Buildings there should plan ahead — the requirement applies to new construction and major modernizations.

Manitoba — effective September 1, 2026. Manitoba has adopted CSA B44-19, which takes effect on that date. Talk-and-text becomes required province-wide for new and modernized elevators.

British Columbia — under review. Technical Safety BC has consulted on adopting CSA B44:19. If adopted, BC moves into the required column.