

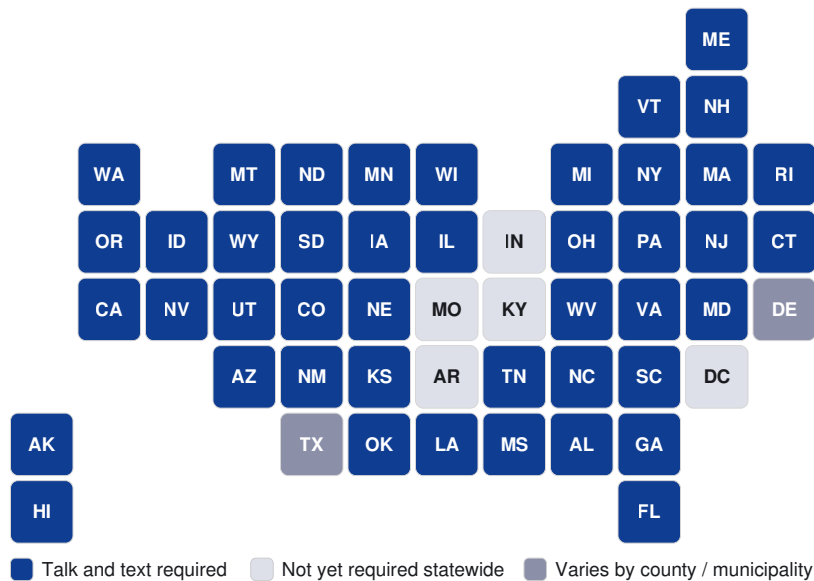
# Where Talk-and-Text Elevator Phones Are Required

ASME A17.1-2019 / 2022 / 2025 · IBC 2018 / 2021

Two codes drive the talk-and-text requirement in elevators. **ASME A17.1-2019** introduced a two-way video and text messaging requirement, carried forward in the 2022 and 2025 editions. **IBC 2018 and IBC 2021** add enhanced two-way communication requirements for new construction, and IBC 2021 references ASME A17.1-2019 directly. A state that has adopted either ASME A17.1-2019 or later, or IBC 2018 or later, requires talk-and-text. The map below shows every US jurisdiction as of May 2026.

<h2>44</h2> <p>STATES REQUIRED</p>	<h2>5</h2> <p>NOT YET REQUIRED</p>	<h2>2</h2> <p>VARIES LOCALLY</p>
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**44 of 51** US jurisdictions require talk-and-text emergency phones in elevators today.



Home-rule cities (New York City, Chicago, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Seattle, Boston, others) may enforce a different edition locally — see Major Metro Areas and always verify with the AHJ.

## State-by-State Detail

STATE	ASME A17.1	IBC	STATUS	NOTES
Alabama	2019	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME A17.1-2019 adopted.
Alaska	2016	IBC 2021	REQUIRED	Alaska adopted the 2021 IBC statewide (State Fire Marshal) for commercial and public buildings; IBC 2021 is the active trigger.
Arizona	2019	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019. Phoenix locally enforces ASME 2016 plus IBC 2018.
Arkansas	2007	IBC 2012	NOT YET	Statewide building code is the 2012 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code (IBC 2012 base); elevator code predates ASME 2019. No statewide trigger.
California	2004	IBC 2021	REQUIRED	Cal/OSHA Title 8 references ASME 2004; CBC 2022 (IBC 2021 base) is the trigger for new construction.
Colorado	2019	IBC 2021	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019 with IBC 2021 in force.
Connecticut	2019	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME A17.1-2019 adopted.
Delaware	Varies	—	VARIES	Delaware operates under county or municipal rules — confirm the applicable edition with the local AHJ.
Florida	2019	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019 via Rule 61C-5.001.
Georgia	2019	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019.
Hawaii	2019	IBC 2018	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019 with IBC 2018 in force.
Idaho	2022	IBC 2018	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2022.
Illinois	2019	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019. Chicago locally enforces ASME 2016.
Indiana	2007	IBC 2012	NOT YET	Statewide building code is IBC 2012-based; elevator code predates ASME 2019. No statewide trigger.
Iowa	2019	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME A17.1-2019 adopted via Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 72.
Kansas	2022	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2022.
Kentucky	2010	IBC 2015	NOT YET	Kentucky Building Code is IBC 2015-based; elevator code predates ASME 2019. No statewide trigger.
Louisiana	2019	IBC 2021	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019 with IBC 2021 in force.
Maine	2013	IBC 2021	REQUIRED	Standalone elevator code older; IBC 2021 is the active trigger.
Maryland	2019	IBC 2018	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019 with IBC 2018 in force.
Massachusetts	2013	IBC 2021	REQUIRED	The 10th-edition Massachusetts State Building Code (IBC 2021 base) is the active trigger; standalone elevator code is older.
Michigan	2016	IBC 2021	REQUIRED	Standalone elevator code older; IBC 2021 is the active trigger.

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Minnesota	2016	IBC 2018	REQUIRED	The 2020 Minnesota State Building Code (IBC 2018 base) is in force statewide; IBC 2018 is the active trigger.
Mississippi	2019	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019.
Missouri	2016	None statewide	NOT YET	No statewide commercial building code (home-rule); the statewide elevator code is ASME 2016. No statewide talk-and-text trigger.
Montana	2019	IBC 2021	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019 with IBC 2021 in force.
Nebraska	2013	IBC 2018	REQUIRED	Standalone elevator code dated; IBC 2018 is the active trigger.
Nevada	2019	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019.
New Hampshire	2022	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2022.
New Jersey	2019	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019.
New Mexico	2019	IBC 2021	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019 with IBC 2021 in force.
New York	2016	IBC 2021	REQUIRED	NY State adopted the 2025 Uniform Code (IBC 2021/2024 base) effective Dec 31, 2025. New York City enforces its own code separately — see Major Metro Areas.
North Carolina	2019	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019.
North Dakota	2013	IBC 2021	REQUIRED	Standalone elevator code dated; IBC 2021 is the active trigger.
Ohio	2019	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019.
Oklahoma	2022	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2022.
Oregon	2019	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019.
Pennsylvania	2016	IBC 2018	REQUIRED	Standalone elevator code updated effective July 2025; statewide IBC 2018 is the active trigger.
Rhode Island	2016	IBC 2018	REQUIRED	Standalone elevator code on 2016; IBC 2018 is the active trigger.
South Carolina	2019	IBC 2021	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019 with IBC 2021 in force.
South Dakota	2019	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019.
Tennessee	2016	IBC 2021	REQUIRED	Tennessee adopted the statewide 2021 IBC effective Aug 17, 2025, which carries the requirement.
Texas	2016	Local	VARIES	No statewide commercial building code; the statewide elevator code (TDLR) is ASME 2016. Major cities — Houston, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Fort Worth — set their own codes, most on IBC 2021 (which requires talk-and-text). Confirm the city code.
Utah	2016	IBC 2021	REQUIRED	Standalone elevator code on 2016; IBC 2021 is the active trigger.
Vermont	2013	IBC 2021	REQUIRED	The 2025 Vermont Fire & Building Safety Code (IBC 2021 base) is in force statewide; IBC 2021 is the active trigger.

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Virginia	2019	—	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019.
Washington	2016	IBC 2018	REQUIRED	Standalone code on 2016; IBC 2018 is the active trigger. Seattle locally enforces ASME 2019.
District of Columbia	2013	IBC 2015	NOT YET	DC operates on the 2017 DC Construction Codes (2015 IBC family); elevator code predates ASME 2019. No qualifying statewide trigger.
West Virginia	2013	IBC 2018	REQUIRED	Standalone elevator code dated; IBC 2018 is the active trigger.
Wisconsin	2016	IBC 2021	REQUIRED	The 2021 Wisconsin Commercial Building Code (IBC 2021 base) applies statewide to public buildings and places of employment; IBC 2021 is the active trigger.
Wyoming	2019	IBC 2021	REQUIRED	Statewide ASME 2019 with IBC 2021 in force.

### Major Metro Areas — the City Code Governs

Large home-rule cities enforce their own building codes. For projects in these metros, confirm the city code directly — it governs, and several cities run ahead of their state edition.

**New York City — Required.** The NYC Building Code requires two-way audio, two-way text, and video for new elevators and major modernizations as of June 2023, enforced through New York City's own code.

**Los Angeles — Required.** Operates under the Los Angeles City Building Code (2022 California Building Code base), which carries the requirement.

**Las Vegas — Required.** Adopts ASME A17.1-2019 with local amendments.

**Chicago — Required.** Chicago's elevator code mandates two-way communication with a text and visual option, enforced independently of the Illinois state code.

**Boston — Required.** Boston follows the Massachusetts State Building Code (IBC 2021 base), which carries the requirement.

**Seattle — Required.** Locally enforces ASME A17.1-2019, ahead of the Washington state edition.

**Methodology.** State classifications reflect statewide adoptions of ASME A17.1 and IBC editions as enforced by state code authorities (state departments of labor, state fire marshals, and state building code commissions) as of May 2026. A jurisdiction is classified *Required* when its standalone elevator code references ASME A17.1-2019 or later, *or* when IBC 2018 or later is in force statewide (IBC 2021 references ASME A17.1-2019 directly). *Not Yet Required* reflects jurisdictions whose statewide elevator code predates ASME A17.1-2019 with no statewide IBC 2018+ trigger. *Varies Locally* reflects jurisdictions with no statewide code, where county or municipal rules govern. Home-rule cities and counties may enforce different editions independently — the map and table reflect statewide status, so always confirm the city code for projects in major metro areas. This document is provided for general reference; it is not legal advice and is not a substitute for consultation with the Authority Having Jurisdiction for the specific project address.