

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 generally requires talk-and-text once it has adopted CSA B44-19 or later — though some jurisdictions adopt the edition **with variations that exclude specific clauses**, so adoption alone does not settle it.

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REQUIRED

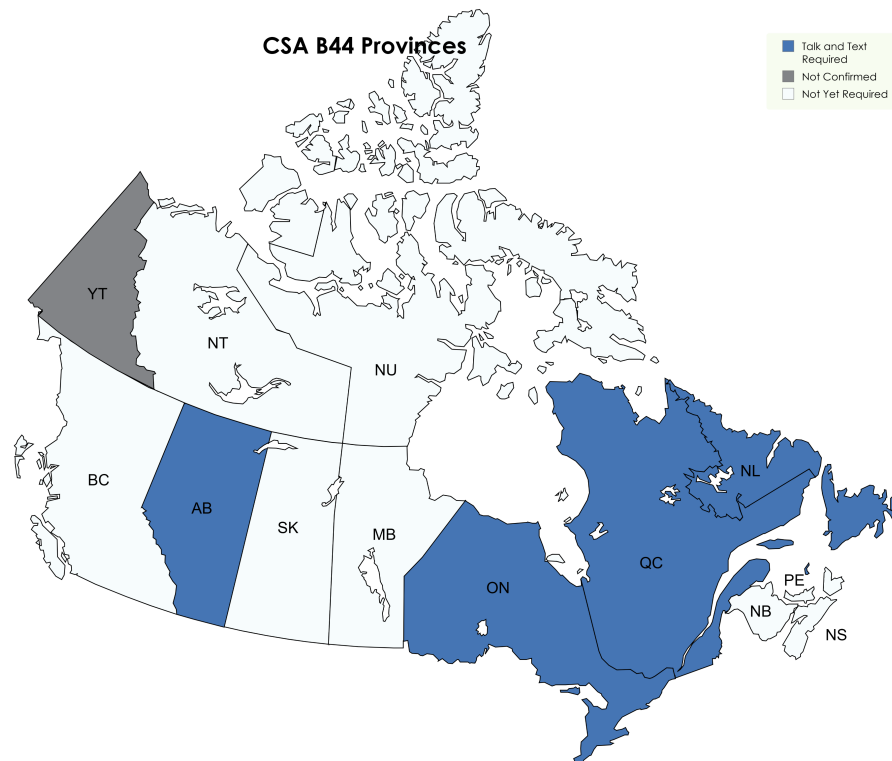
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NOT YET REQUIRED

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VERIFY LOCALLY

4 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. Alberta declined to adopt B44:22. B44:25 is published but not in force until February 1, 2027.
British Columbia	B44-16	NOT YET	B44-16 is the adopted edition, in force since April 30, 2020. 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. The new Technical Safety Regulation adopts B44-19 effective September 1, 2026 — it applies to installation permit applications received on or after 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	Current edition	REQUIRED	The Amusement Rides and Elevating Devices Regulations reference "ASME A17.1/CSA B44" <i>without specifying an edition</i> , so the current edition applies. Confirm scope with the Chief Inspector.
Northwest Territories	B44-07	NOT YET	The Electrical Protection Regulations reference CAN/CSA-B44-07; the two-way text requirement is not in effect. (Several industry tables list NWT as 2019 — the territorial code list does not support this.)
Nova Scotia	B44-19 (varied)	NOT YET	Adopted B44-19 effective December 31, 2021, but expressly excluded the updated emergency communication requirements. Emergency operation and signalling continue to follow ASME A17.1-2016/CSA B44-16, so talk-and-text is not required. Per the Chief Elevator Inspector's adoption letter 2021-01.
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 August 1, 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 (Québec-modified) adopted into the Construction Code (Chapter IV), in force July 13, 2024. The one-year transition period ended July 13, 2025, so it now applies in full.
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 (867-667-5741) 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's new Technical Safety Regulation adopts CSA B44-19 as of that date. It applies to installation permit applications received on or after September 1, 2026, so talk-and-text becomes required for new and modernized elevators from that point.

British Columbia — under review. Technical Safety BC has consulted on adopting CSA B44:19, with some respondents urging B44:22 instead. If adopted, BC moves into the required column.

A note on adoption vs. requirement. Adopting CSA B44-19 does not automatically mean every clause in it applies. Provinces routinely adopt an edition "with variations" that exclude specific sections. Nova Scotia used that mechanism to keep emergency signalling on B44-16 while adopting the rest of B44-19, which is why it appears here as not required despite being a B44-19 jurisdiction. Always confirm the clause, not just the edition.