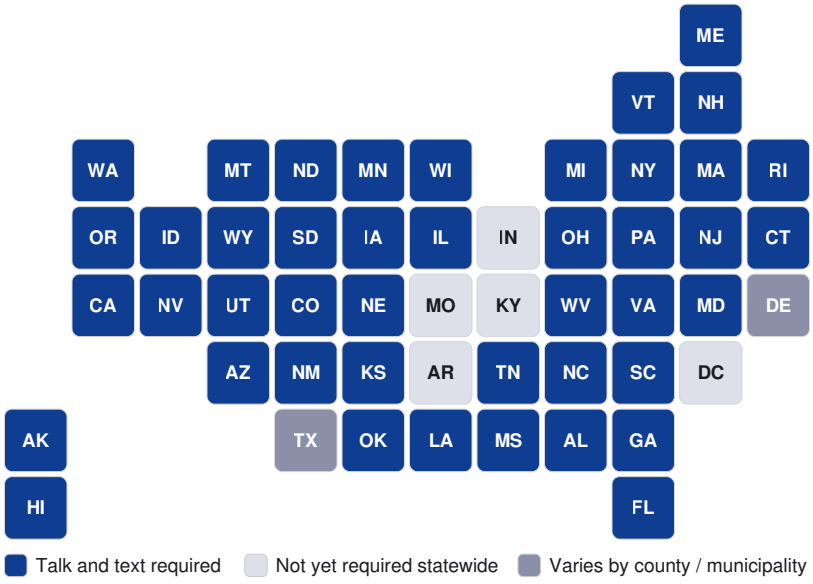
Where Talk-and-Text Elevator Phones Are Required

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.

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STATES REQUIRED	NOT YET REQUIRED	VARIES LOCALLY

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.

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

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

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

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

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.