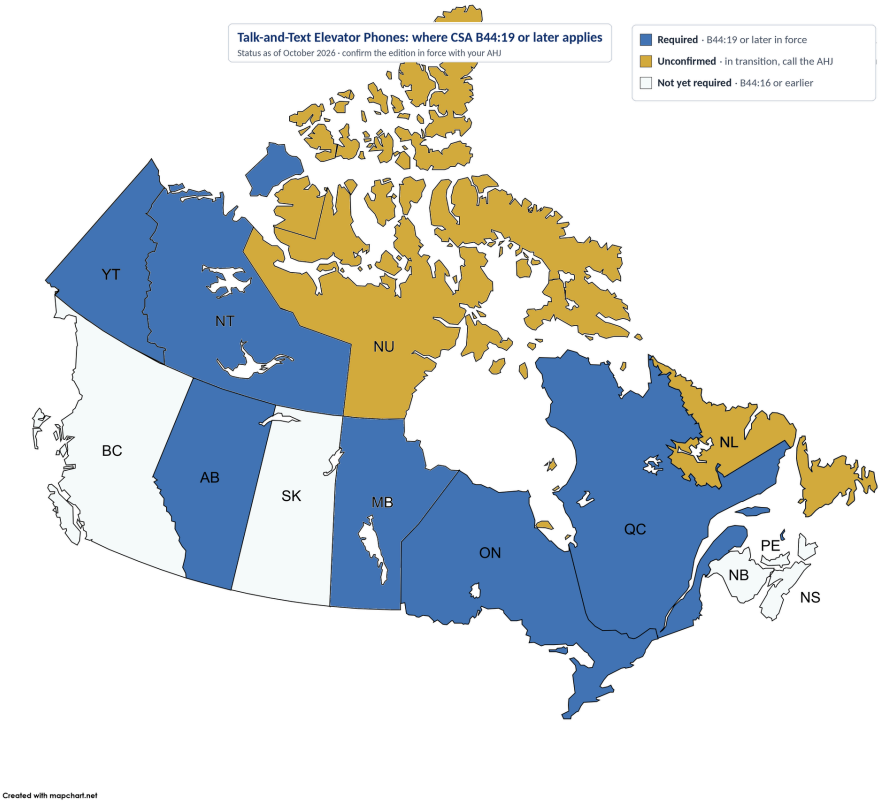
Where Talk-and-Text Elevator Phones Are Required in Canada

CSA B44 · Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators

Canada's elevator safety code is **CSA B44**, published jointly with ASME A17.1 as one binational document and adopted province by province. The **2019 edition (CSA B44:19)** introduced the two-way messaging, text-display and in-car video requirement, Clause 2.27.1.1.3, for new installations and alterations as the authority having jurisdiction applies them. It is carried forward in the 2022 and 2025 editions. A jurisdiction requires talk-and-text once it adopts B44:19 or later **without excluding that clause**. Nova Scotia adopted the 2019 edition but excluded the communication clauses, which is why adoption alone does not settle the question.

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REQUIRED	NOT YET REQUIRED	UNCONFIRMED

6 of 13 Canadian provinces and territories require talk-and-text emergency phones in elevators today. Two are unconfirmed.



Blue: talk-and-text required. Amber: unconfirmed, confirm with the AHJ. Light: not yet required. Status verified October 2026 against each regulator's published adoption document.

About this reference. Lift Communications compiled this map from each regulator's published adoption documents, read in October 2026, and from direct review of the regulations where an edition is named. Adoption status changes, provinces can adopt an edition with exclusions, and two jurisdictions remain unconfirmed because their regulations name no usable edition. This is an informational resource, not legal or code advice. Confirm the edition in force, and any exclusions, with the authority having jurisdiction before relying on it for a project.

Province-by-Province Detail

JURISDICTION	EDITION	STATUS	BASIS
Alberta	B44:19	REQUIRED	Declared in force December 1, 2022 (Elevating Devices Codes Regulation). A 2023 Municipal Affairs notice announced B44:22, but it never came into force; a September 2025 notice confirmed B44:19 remains in force. B44:25 was published January 30, 2026 and is scheduled to come into force February 1, 2027 (Municipal Affairs notice, February 2026).
British Columbia	B44:16	NOT YET	B44:16 in force since April 30, 2020. Technical Safety BC consulted on B44:19 in 2023 and in 2026 says it is working with the Ministry toward a newer edition with no timeline set.
Manitoba	B44:19	REQUIRED	Technical Safety Regulation adopts and enforces B44:19 without amendments, effective September 1, 2026 (Bulletin ITS 26-004, June 1, 2026).
New Brunswick	B44:16	NOT YET	Regulation 2019-30 under the Elevators and Lifts Act defines the Code as ASME A17.1-2016/CSA B44-16.
Newfoundland & Labrador	Not stated	UNCONFIRMED	Amusement Rides and Elevating Devices Regulations, NLR 118/96 (under the Public Safety Act), s. 4(1)(a), cite "ASME A17.1/CSA B44" with no edition year. Confirm the enforced edition with Service NL before quoting.
Northwest Territories	B44:19	REQUIRED	Elevators and Lifts Regulations R-047-2024, s. 3(1)(a), in force July 15, 2024, adopt ASME A17.1/CSA B44-2019. Schedule A varies only 1.1.2(w), 1.1.2(x) and 1.1.3; Section 2.27 is untouched.
Nova Scotia	B44:19 (varied)	NOT YET	The Chief Elevator Inspector's letter of December 14, 2021 adopted B44:19 for installations and alterations sold after December 31, 2021, but stated the 2019 emergency communication requirements "will not be a requirement in Nova Scotia"; emergency operation and signalling follow B44:16. The General Regulations cite CSA B44 "as amended from time to time" with no edition named, so confirm whether the exclusion carries forward.
Nunavut	Not confirmed	UNCONFIRMED	The only published consolidation (Electrical Protection Regulations, inherited from the NWT) references CAN/CSA-B44-94. Confirm with the territorial authority.
Ontario	B44:19	REQUIRED	TSSA Code Adoption Document 295/22 adopts ASME A17.1-2019/CSA B44-19, in force August 1, 2022 (maintenance section 8.6 from January 1, 2023). No Ontario amendment to 2.27.1.1.
Prince Edward Island	B44:13	NOT YET	Elevators and Lifts Act Regulations, s. 1(1)(e), define the Code as ASME A17.1-2013/CSA B44-13 (official consolidation current to December 26, 2015).
Québec	B44:19	REQUIRED	Construction Code, Chapter IV adopts the French edition of ASME A17.1-2019/CSA B44:19, in force July 13, 2024; the 12-month transition ended July 13, 2025. The RBQ's published list of main code changes adopted since the 2007 edition includes "le système de communication de secours des ascenseurs avec surveillance vidéo."
Saskatchewan	B44:13	NOT YET	TSASK cites ASME A17.1-2013/CSA B44-2013; its FAQ describes the codes as proposed under the regulation rewrite. Confirm the edition in force with TSASK.
Yukon	Current edition	REQUIRED	Fixed Conveyances Regulations, OIC 1998/040, s. 4.01 (added by OIC 2018/10): a listed code means the document "as amended or replaced from time to time," and a replacement takes effect on the later of six months after publication or the following April 1. B44:19 has applied since 2020 to 2021; B44:25 will by April 1, 2027.

Changes on the Horizon

Alberta, February 1, 2027. B44:25 is anticipated to come into force, bringing the 2022 and 2025 changes at once. Talk-and-text is already required; nothing changes for the phone.

British Columbia, under review. If TSBC adopts B44:19 or later, BC moves to the required column. Buildings modernizing now should plan for it.

Nova Scotia, not yet required. The December 2021 adoption letter excluded the 2019 emergency communication clauses. If a later adoption drops that exclusion, Nova Scotia moves to required.

Adoption vs. requirement. Adopting B44:19 does not automatically mean every clause applies. Provinces can adopt an edition with variations that exclude specific sections, as Nova Scotia did for emergency signalling. Always confirm the clause, not just the edition. Where the code applies to an alteration, most AHJs require only the altered component or system to meet the new edition (Manitoba says so explicitly), so whether a given modernization triggers 2.27.1.1.3 is an AHJ determination.

Sources: TSSA Code Adoption Document 295/22; RBQ, Chapitre IV principales modifications and "Principales modifications du code ASME A17.1/CSA B44 adoptées par la RBQ depuis l'édition 2007"; Alberta Municipal Affairs, Elevator codes and standards page and notices of Oct 2023, Sept 2025 and Feb 2026; Manitoba Bulletin ITS 26-004; NWT Elevators and Lifts Regulations R-047-2024 (consolidation, laws.opennwt.ca); Yukon Fixed Conveyances Regulations OIC 1998/040 (laws.yukon.ca); Technical Safety BC; NB Reg 2014-147 as amended by 2019-30; PEI Elevators and Lifts Act Regulations; TSASK elevating devices page; NLR 118/96; Nova Scotia Chief Elevator Inspector letter, Dec 14, 2021, and Elevators and Lifts General Regulations.