

Escalators are ideal where many people have to move **between** floors at the same time. The one thing to remember is that they are **NOT** play equipment. Hence, adults **MUST** accompany children at all times. In addition, women need to manage the flowing attire like Dupatta and Sarees, Loongis Burqas etc.



In malls, there is a tendency for the children to get away from the prying eyes of their parents, this implies, an extra vigilance from the parents.

In commercial installations in a state of haste, flowing robes and attires can pose serious threats to personal security, hence attention must be on the attire even for those who use the escalators every day and more so for people with a phobia for escalators and moving walkways.



Here are a few simple suggestions to prevent accidents.

- Ensure that the emergency stop button is a mushroom head button and is prominently displayed and easily accessible.
- The emergency stop button should not be hidden or installed in a place that is difficult to access.
- It must be accessible by even elderly people who may have a problem of bending down.
- If a user finds it difficult to use the escalator, or step on the moving platform the first option would be to use the elevators.
- Alternatively, the escalator needs to be stopped and the person asked to stand on the elevator step with a guard holding this person. The escalator may then be started again after ensuring that the person is held firmly by the guard so that the person doesn't fall as the escalator starts.



Accidents do not happen, they are created! If this newsletter has struck a chord, do write to us. Brickbats and bouquets to murali.shanker@krystalallied.com