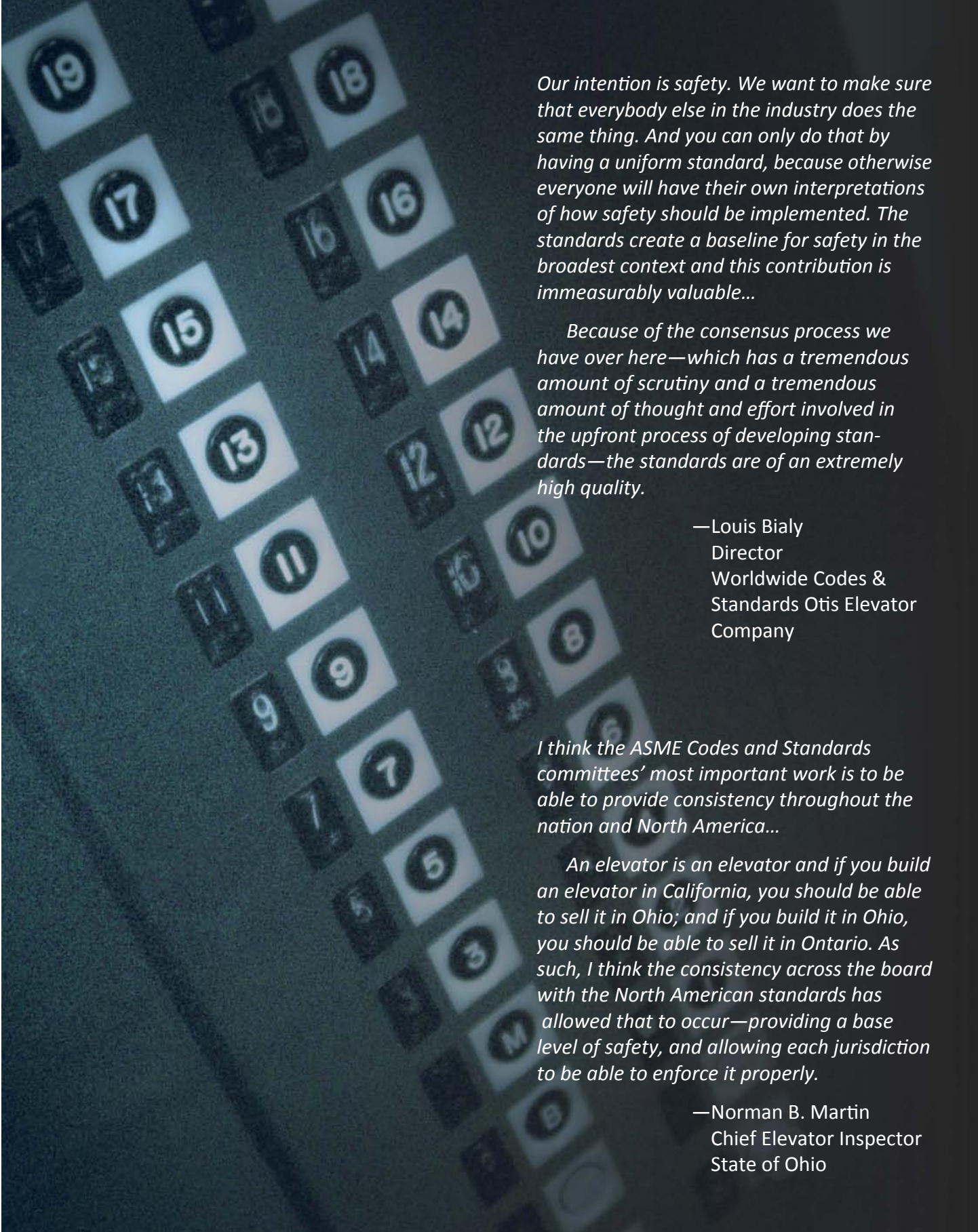


# Elevators Escalators Safety



**ASME A17**  
**Safety Codes and Standards**  
and Related Offerings for  
**Elevators, Escalators,**  
Moving Walks, Material Lifts  
and Dumbwaiters



*Our intention is safety. We want to make sure that everybody else in the industry does the same thing. And you can only do that by having a uniform standard, because otherwise everyone will have their own interpretations of how safety should be implemented. The standards create a baseline for safety in the broadest context and this contribution is immeasurably valuable...*

*Because of the consensus process we have over here—which has a tremendous amount of scrutiny and a tremendous amount of thought and effort involved in the upfront process of developing standards—the standards are of an extremely high quality.*

—Louis Bialy  
Director  
Worldwide Codes &  
Standards Otis Elevator  
Company

*I think the ASME Codes and Standards committees' most important work is to be able to provide consistency throughout the nation and North America...*

*An elevator is an elevator and if you build an elevator in California, you should be able to sell it in Ohio; and if you build it in Ohio, you should be able to sell it in Ontario. As such, I think the consistency across the board with the North American standards has allowed that to occur—providing a base level of safety, and allowing each jurisdiction to be able to enforce it properly.*

—Norman B. Martin  
Chief Elevator Inspector  
State of Ohio

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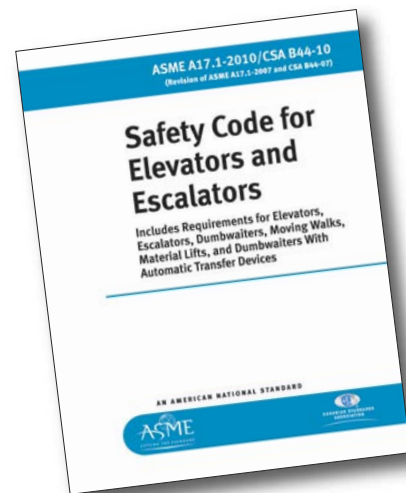
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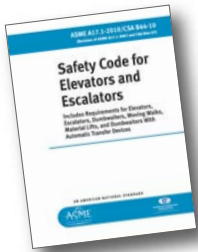
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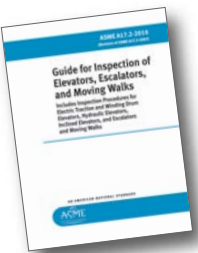
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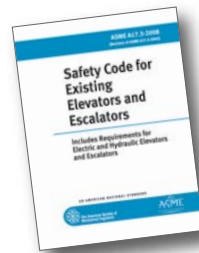


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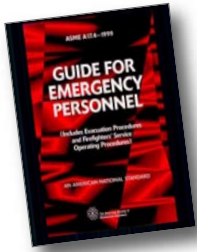
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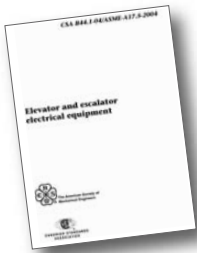
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