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Elevator accident in New York...Why do we need elevator maintenance records?

In an elevator accident case, why is it so important for me to obtain elevator maintenance records as well as repair logs? You want to know the answer? Come join me for a moment as I share with you some traffic information. Hi, I'm Gerry Oginski. I'm a New York medical malpractice and personal injury attorney practicing law here in the State of New York.

Now, in any elevator accident case I need to know one critical thing: was the elevator maintained within a recent period of time? Was the elevator repaired as a result of a problem with the elevator within a specific period of time before this accident occurred? Now why is that important? I need to know, I need to learn whether or not there was a problem with this elevator, whether there was a problem with mechanics involved with this particular elevator. If there was, I want to see exactly what was done and when was it done. What did they do to fix the problem? What was the problem? Then, what did they do to fix the problem? Did they test it afterwards? What did they do to check to see to make sure that this was working? Did they get any complaints? Were there any registered calls about this particular elevator being a problem?

The company that maintains elevators is supposed to and required to maintain logs of all of their maintenance, whether it's routine maintenance or whether it's a problem and repair. It is critical to see that. Now, in any type of elevator accident, one of the first things that we request are the maintenance logs as well as any repair logs. Then we go through it with a fine-tooth comb. During the course of litigation, we will ask to have that repairman or that maintenance man be produced so that I have an opportunity to question him, to then go

through his logs and his entries to identify exactly what was done and why. What was the problem? Who notified him? Why did this occur? What did you do to fix the problem? How do we know that this wouldn't happen again? Was this preventable?

There are a whole host of questions that I need to be able to ask, and the only way I will have a good understanding of what was done to this elevator before my client's accident is by looking and reviewing the maintenance logs as well as the repair logs. Why do I share this great information with you? I share it with you because if you were involved in an elevator accident and now you're thinking about bringing a lawsuit but you have legal questions, what I invite you to do is pick up the phone and call me. I can answer your legal questions. This is something I do every single day and I'd love to chat with you. You can reach me at 516-487-8207, or by email at gerry@oginski-law.com. That's it for today's video. I'm Gerry Oginski. Have a wonderful day.