

Safety Tips for Escalator Use by the Elderly

Elderly A:

Hey, another accident occurred on the escalator yesterday
A baby stroller was involved

All:

What

Elderly B:

Was the baby okay

Elderly A:

Don't worry, there wasn't a baby in the stroller
Someone was using it to carry stuff
lost her balance and fell

Elderly C:

You really gave us a scare
People should know
that when carrying large items or lots of things
they should use lifts
Safety is the rule

Elderly B:

You're absolutely right - a 'like' for you
I think most people know the safety rules for using escalators
but choose convenience over safety
That's what causes accidents

Elderly D:

That's true. Many people do what they know to be wrong

Elderly A:

Look who's talking
Remember that time you dropped an orange
while riding the escalator
If I hadn't stopped you
you would have fallen over trying to pick it up

Elderly B:

Wow, that's dangerous
I give you a big 'cross' for that
Using the escalator is like doing Tai Chi
You have to stand firm
Many elderly people like us are unable to balance well
That's why we must follow the safety rules when using escalators

Elderly B (VO):

First of all
we must hold the handrail tightly
and stand firm within the yellow lines
We must not walk
and must avoid the gap between the steps
and the gap between the skirting panel and the step
Otherwise, our shoes, toes or feet could easily be caught

Elderly D:

An orange is no big deal
but what if I were to drop my wallet
Of course
I would have to pick it up

Elderly B:

What's more important
Your wallet or your safety

Elderly B (VO):

No matter what you have dropped
you must leave it until you have stepped safely off the escalator
Then, if you need to
ask someone for assistance

Elderly C:

Some of my elderly friends do follow the safety rules
but they sometimes fall anyway because they are too weak
to stand steadily on the escalator

Elderly B:

That's why we elderly need to be aware of our health condition

Elderly B (VO):

For example, if we don't feel well
or have taken medicine that might cause drowsiness
we should avoid riding the escalator alone
If we need to use it
we should get someone to accompany us
Also, remember that it's always better to use the lift if one is available

Elderly B:

Can you follow these simple safety guidelines

All:

Of course
Safety is the rule, stand firm