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### **State report: Former elevator company's lack of maintenance caused JPS accident**

FORT WORTH, Texas (May 8, 2019) – The state agency responsible for regulating elevators in Texas determined brake failure was the cause of the January 20, 2019 incident that seriously injured a JPS Health Network nurse.

“Today we received the accident investigation report from the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation [TDLR] that clearly concludes a lack of routine maintenance and equipment checks by the company contracted to provide those services caused the elevator brakes to fail,” said JPS President and CEO Robert Earley.

The TDLR report cites numerous deficiencies in routine maintenance resulting in the brake failure. The report will be available for public viewing at [www.tdlr.texas.gov](http://www.tdlr.texas.gov).

As of April 15, 2019, Southwest Elevator Inc. has been providing maintenance and repair services for all JPS elevators.

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