

compliance. The Department has indicated that legislative changes are currently being drafted to address this issue.

2.19 Elevating Devices and Other Inspections

The Department of Government Services is responsible for the inspection of amusement rides, elevating devices, boilers and pressure systems. The inspection of amusement rides and elevating devices is conducted under the *Amusement Rides and Elevating Devices Regulations* and the inspection of boilers and pressure systems is conducted under the *Boiler, Pressure Vessel and Compressed Gas Regulations*. Both of these regulations are included under the *Public Safety Act*, which was designed to provide for the safety of the public.

Our review indicated that the Department of Government Services did not conduct all of the inspection activities necessary to ensure the safe operation of elevating devices, amusement rides, boilers and pressure vessels in the Province. Instances were noted where: devices, rides, boilers and pressure vessels operated for a period during 2003 without a certificate; certificates were issued with an expiry date exceeding 12 months; no details were contained in files of deficiencies noted during inspections; and no documentation was on file to indicate whether deficiencies were corrected or that any follow-up was performed.

The Department did not include sufficient consideration of risk when scheduling inspections of elevating devices.

The field inspection reports for elevating devices were inadequate for documenting compliance with the *Regulations*. Furthermore, there was no field inspection report designed specifically for the inspection of amusement rides. Instead, the Department used the same inspection report used for elevating devices which was inadequate for documenting compliance with the *Regulations*.

Information in the databases used for amusement rides, elevating devices, boilers and pressure vessels was inaccurate.