

MEDIA STATEMENT

BCA'S RESPONSE TO ESCALATOR INCIDENT AT WHITE SANDS ON 11 AUGUST

12 Aug 2017 - On 11 August night, BCA was alerted to an escalator incident at White Sands mall where a girl's shoe was lodged in the escalator. We understand that a passer-by had activated the emergency stop button when he saw the situation. Her right foot was injured and she was sent to the hospital for treatment.

2. BCA engineers inspected the incident escalator at 11pm on the night of the incident and found that the gap in the escalator where the shoe was lodged, was compliant with the prevailing code requirements.

3. However, in the interest of public safety, BCA will be suspending the operation of the escalator and instructing the owner to engage an Authorised Examiner (AE) to conduct further investigation into the incident. The AE will also be required to recommend repair works on the escalator where one of the steps was misaligned as a result of the rescue operation.

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