



## Case History

### Over 6 years' worth of food & grease debris removed at ICAEW

ISS Food & Hospitality recently contacted Rainbow International's branch in Kent to ask if they could carry out a deep clean to a dumb waiter lift shaft at Moorgate Place, home to the Institute of Chartered Accountants for England and Wales. The contaminated lift shaft covered 5 floors of this old grand building within the City of London.

Rainbow were advised that during the 6 years the current manager had been in charge of the maintenance of the building, the lift shaft had never been cleaned.

Health & Safety was of paramount importance to all involved. Rainbow developed and presented a detailed Risk Assessment, Method Statement, Safe Working Plan and Evacuation Plan prior to their day of work.

A team of 4 technicians were deployed to attend site early one Saturday morning, all of whom were specialised and trained in working in confined spaces. All of the technicians working within the lift shaft were fitted with full body harnesses that were attached to safety ropes and secured onto the lift shaft framework.

While 2 technicians cleaned inside the double lift shaft, the remaining 2 provided valuable support from the outside and were on hand to put their emergency evacuation plan into practice should the need have arisen.

The heat within the confined lift shaft was considerable and challenging for the staff. The technicians could not risk using steam due to the amount of condensation that would form from this cleaning method, and cause problems within the lift shaft that housed full electrics for 2 lifts.

The build-up of food and grease debris over the past 6 years was extensive and had formed a hard layer of up to 1.5 inches thick on each ledge.

## Key Facts

### Service

- Commercial Cleaning

### Location

- London

### Services Employed

- Cleaning of internal dumb waiter lift shaft, removing grease deposits of upto 1.5 inches thick

The work was completed by Rainbow's specialist team in 1 day. Gary Johnson, Head of Facilities at the ICAEW was very happy with Rainbow's work and said:-

*"Our Maintenance Manager said that he was pleased with the work - good job well done."*

Another example of Rainbow working in partnership with ISS.

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