Just as the urban spaces we live in today have changed dramatically in the past thirty years, the cities of tomorrow will look very different than the cities of today. Buildings are rising taller than ever to accommodate growing urban populations.

### Global Population (In Billions)

- **1980**: 4.4
- **2015**: 7.3
- **2050**: 9.7

### % Urban Population

- 1980: 43%
- 2015: 55%
- 2050: 66%

### Number of Skyscrapers Globally

- **1980**: 72
- **2015**: 1,040
- **2050**: Exponential growth expected

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Mobility technologies like elevators and escalators are enabling this vertical growth, and safe ridership is crucial in an environment that’s growing up, faster than ever.

- **If an elevator stalls, stay put—wait for qualified help to arrive.**
- **If the car is full, don’t join the crowd. Wait for the next car.**
- **Always have one hand available to hold the handrail—use an elevator.**
- **Never take strollers or similar items on the escalator—use an elevator.**
- **Do not sit on steps or stand too close to sides.**
- **Stand clear of the doors and be considerate of other passengers entering and exiting.**

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