

# Buildings news update

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## New Bird Friendly Building Design Requirements Coming in January



Starting **January 10, 2021**, new buildings and alterations that replace all exterior glazing of a building will have to comply with [new bird friendly design requirements](#) based on Local Law 15 of 2020. Read the full Service Notice [here](#).

Exterior glazing refers to a building's glass panels and elements. According to the law, it does not apply to:

- Alterations that do not replace all of the exterior glazing of the building;
- Storefront replacements of a portion of exterior glazing within the building.

Need more information on the new construction requirements? Check out the following Department of Buildings resources:

- [Buildings Bulletin 2020-022](#)
- [Bird Friendly Building Design and Construction Requirements Guidance Document](#)

**Please Note:** Filings prior to January 10, 2021 that have not yet reached job status D in BIS or are pending CPE/ACPE or Prof Cert QA assignment status in DOB NOW will need to meet the new bird friendly design and construction requirements.

## Take a Few Minutes to Learn More About Elevator Safety

Did you know that New York City has over 90,000 elevators that complete more than 45 million trips per day?

Elevators are a huge part of living and working in the city so elevator safety is a big factor in our everyday lives.

If you want to learn more about elevator safety, then [watch the first installment of our new series of DOB informational videos](#). In this episode, you'll hear about elevator safety and what you can do if your elevator ever gets stuck or is in need of repair as well as other useful elevator safety tips.

You can also stay tuned to upcoming Buildings informational video content by subscribing to [DOB's YouTube channel](#).



## DOB NOW: Build Major Expansion Coming Soon, Training Available



**DOB NOW: *Build*** is undergoing a major upgrade and expansion. Ahead of the upcoming changes, the Department of Buildings will be providing free, online [DOB NOW Training](#) on the new features. If you are a Design Professional, Filing Representative, General Contractor, or other Licensee with a role in the below applications, sign up today for the upcoming training on our [DOB NOW Training Page](#). For more information, see the full [Service Notice](#).

#### **New Work Types Coming to DOB NOW: *Build***

- General Construction
- Foundation
- Earthwork
- Support of Excavation
- Protection & Mechanical Method

**Other Upcoming Additions:** Composite Permits, Site Safety Plans, Tenant Protection Plans, Supersede & Withdrawal of Applicant of Record or Contractor/Licensee, and other new features including improved search function, exporting jobs, and more.

**Stay Tuned:** More details, including the release dates of coming DOB NOW enhancements, will be provided in future Service Notices.

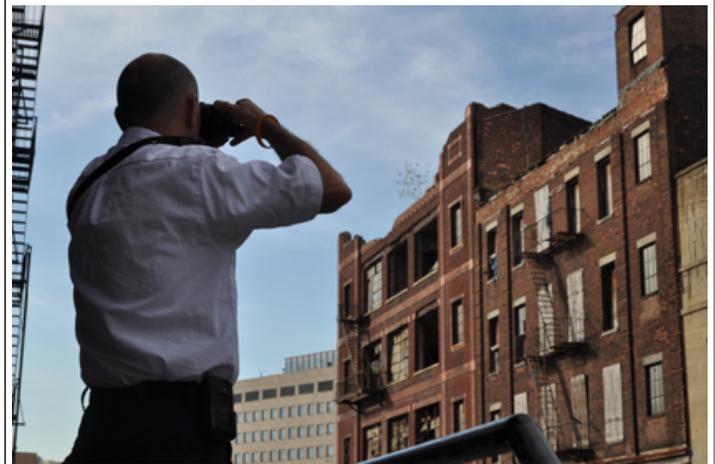
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And while you're busy adding us on social media, please don't forget to regularly check out the DOB website for important [service updates](#) and other news.

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## Help New York City Stop the Spread: Get Tested

Every New Yorker should get tested now, whether or not you are experiencing symptoms or are at increased risk. The COVID-19 diagnostic test is [safe](#), [free](#), and [easy](#).

There are over a hundred convenient testing sites across New York City, as well as mobile testing units visiting different locations throughout the five boroughs.

To find a testing location near you:

Text "**COVID test**" to **855-48**;

Or

Visit: [NYC.gov/COVIDTest](https://nyc.gov/COVIDTest)

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