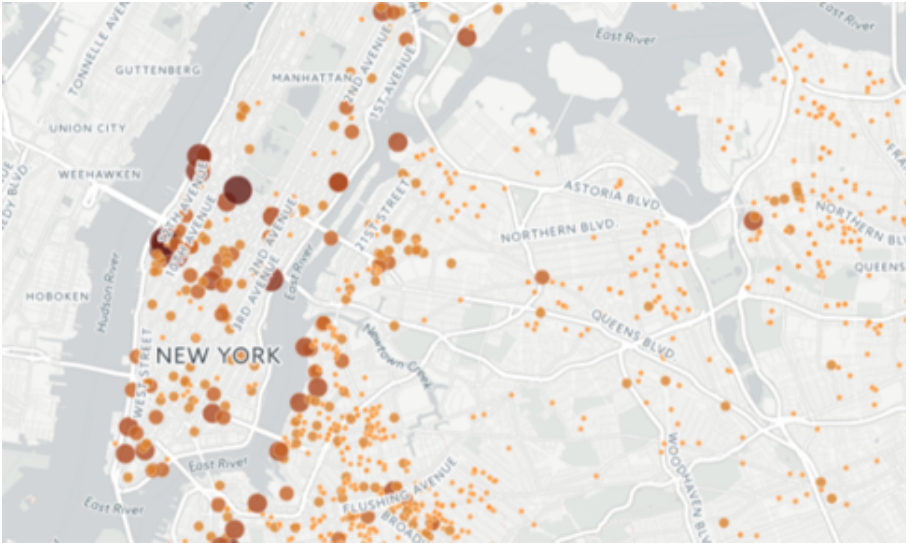


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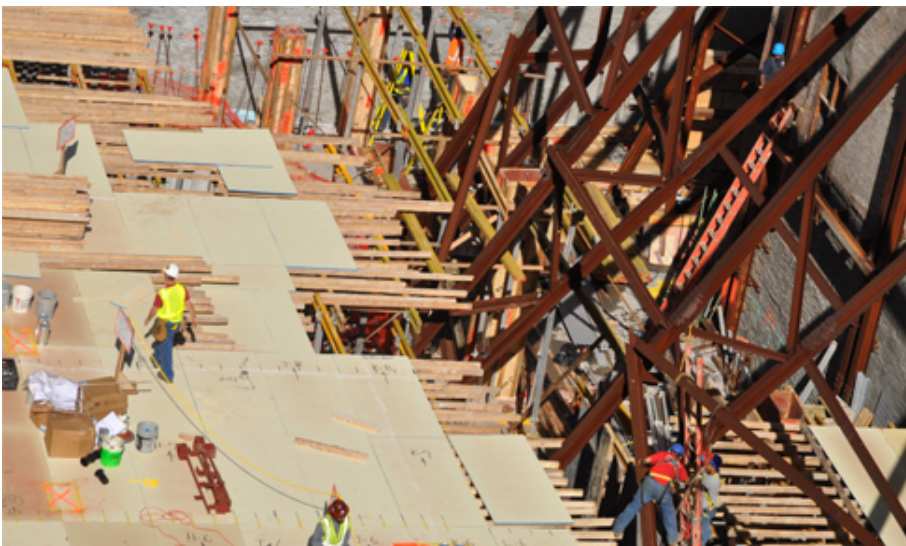

## Building NYC by the Numbers



Ever wondered exactly how many permits DOB issued, what their geographical distribution is, or how the volume of permits issued compares to previous years? In keeping with the agency's strategic plan to make DOB data easily available and accessible to the public, we are excited to announce the launch of DOB's interactive NYC Construction Dashboard. The Dashboard data hub provides quarterly updates on construction activity citywide via an array of charts, graphs, and maps illustrating the volume, type, and location of DOB permits issued.

[NYC Construction Dashboard](#)
[Press Release](#)

## Reminder: Site Safety is EVERYBODY'S Business



Several recent fatalities on NYC construction sites involving design professionals and licensees is a reminder to all of us that anyone who sets foot on a construction site is subject to proper safety procedures in order to protect themselves and others. Architects, engineers, special inspectors,

## Service Updates

### DOB NOW: **Build**

[Sidewalk Shed, Supported Scaffold, Fence, and Sign Job Filings to Launch on October 16, 2017](#)

### DOB NOW: **Build**

[Electrical Job Filings to Launch on December 4, 2017](#)

### DOB NOW: **Build**

[Elevator Job Filings to Launch on December 11, 2017](#)

### Safety Registrant Recipients and Applicants

[Department to Review Non-Paid Civil Penalties Imposed by OATH/ECB](#)

### Site Safety Plans

[Mandatory on All Work Scopes Requiring a Registered Construction Superintendent](#)

### Elevators and Escalators

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### Elevator Directors, Co-Directors, and Inspectors

[New eFiling Enrollment Process](#)

### DOB NOW: **Safety**

[Webinar Sessions for Boiler Compliance Filings](#)

### Development Inspections

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## Hearings + Rules

### Repeal of Superseded Rules

**1 RCNY 7000-01** The Department of Buildings (DOB) is proposing to repeal rules relating to the National Fire Protection Association, Flammable Combustible Code edition amendment; smoke detecting devices and systems; required carbon monoxide detecting devices and systems; and the procedure for amending, revising or promulgating Reference Standards.

### Required Smoke Detecting Devices and Systems

**1 RCNY 28-01** The Department of Buildings (DOB) is proposing a rule to repeal rules relating to the National Fire Protection Association, Flammable

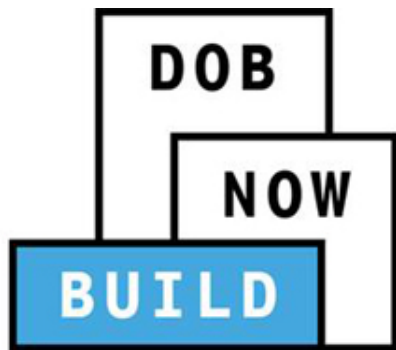
electricians, plumbers, owners, and other visitors must wear proper safety attire and anyone working near an unprotected drop needs to securely tie off. Remember, experience is not enough to prevent construction site accidents.

- Last year, an architect was taking measurements at a building under construction in Manhattan when he fell and died at the scene.
- In June, a surveyor died after falling off a wooden platform on the 17th floor of a building in Manhattan.
- In September, an electrician working on a building in Manhattan died after falling out of a boom lift.
- Earlier this month, a special inspector fell off a ladder in Brooklyn and later died from his injuries.

### [Construction Safety](#)

### [Worker Fall Protection](#)

## New in NOW: Electrical and Elevator Permits



Our rollout of DOB NOW: *Build* continues in December with the additions of electrical and elevator job filings. ED16A electrical job filings will be live as of Monday, December 4th, and all elevator job filings will be accepted online beginning Monday, December 11th. For those unable to attend the in-person information sessions, DOB is also offering a series of supplemental webinars on online permit submissions.

### [DOB NOW: \*Build\*](#)

### [Information Sessions for Electrical Job Filings](#)

### [Information Sessions for Elevator Job Filings](#)

### [Webinar Sessions for Electrical Filings](#)

### [Webinar Sessions for Elevator Filings](#)

## A Helping Hand for Permit Applications

As part of our ongoing effort to demystify the City's construction permitting process, DOB has created a resource hub to usher industry professionals and homeowners through the building process for common projects, and provide support to ensure projects are executed successfully. DOB's Project Guidelines page provides information on topics ranging from determining which projects require permits, to hiring registered design professionals, applying for permits, and dealing with issues that may arise. We are hard at work adding new project categories every day, with new guidelines for construction equipment coming soon.

### [Project Guidelines](#)

### [Project Categories](#)

Combustible Code edition amendment; smoke detecting devices and systems; required carbon monoxide detecting devices and systems; and the procedure for amending, revising or promulgating Reference Standards.

### **Required Carbon Monoxide Detecting Devices and Systems**

**1 RCNY 28-02** The Department of Buildings (DOB) is proposing to repeal rules relating to the National Fire Protection Association, Flammable Combustible Code edition amendment; smoke detecting devices and systems; required carbon monoxide detecting devices and systems; and the procedure for amending, revising or promulgating Reference Standards.

### **Rules of Procedure for Amending, Revising or Promulgating Reference Standards**

**1 RCNY 37-01** The Department of Buildings (DOB) is proposing to repeal rules relating to the National Fire Protection Association, Flammable Combustible Code edition amendment; smoke detecting devices and systems; required carbon monoxide detecting devices and systems; and the procedure for amending, revising or promulgating Reference Standards.

### **Amendment of Rules Governing Special Inspectors and Special Inspection Agencies**

**1 RCNY 101-06** The Department of Buildings (DOB) is proposing to amend its Rule relating to the duties, registration, renewal and discipline of special inspectors and special inspection agencies.

Public hearing: 12/18/17 @ 10am - 280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room

### [All Department Rules](#)

## 2014 Construction Code Updates

**Update Page # 32** reflects changes made by [Local Law 81 of 2017](#) (effective 11.06.17), in relation to requiring construction superintendents at certain construction sites.

**Update Page #33** reflects changes made by [Local Law 80 of 2017](#) (Section 1 effective 11.10.17), in relation to licensing for operators of certain complex cranes.

## Site Safety Plans: Are You in Compliance?

Hear ye, hear ye! Implementation of [Local Law 81 of 2017](#) is now in effect. As of November 6, 2017, all jobs requiring a registered construction superintendent (CS) also require a site safety plan (SSP). While the SSP does not need to be submitted to DOB, plans must be signed and dated by the preparer, and kept on site at all times and available upon request, until all work is completed.

[Industry Notice](#)

[Site Safety](#)

## Disciplinary Cases

DOB recently levied \$75,000 in fines to contractors for safety violations resulting in worker injuries. In addition the Department issued violations to 16 separate properties for failures to safeguard the site or the public, resulting in another \$160,000 in penalties.

DOB's Padlock Unit has been hard at work in Queens, enforcing zoning violations and ensuring owners are held accountable for unlawful operations on their properties, including illegal parking lots, junk storage, and car repair. Last month, Padlocks identified five noncompliant properties in the borough, resulting in hearings and closure orders to the property owners.

DOB Issued 24 Class 1 violations to seven different property owners for illegal alterations made to existing buildings. As a result, the property owners were issued a combined \$156,000 in penalties.

Our inspectors are working every day to better protect tenant safety ♦ this time bringing enforcement actions to a Queens landlord who illegally converted a single-family home to multifamily, and has not only failed to correct the violation, but repeatedly attempted to rent out the illegal units, putting unsuspecting tenants at risk. A criminal court summons was issued to the owner with a hearing set for January.

[Additional Disciplinary Actions & Voluntary Surrenders](#)

[Industry Code of Conduct for Construction Professionals](#)

## Website Updates

[DOB NOW: Safety](#)

[DOB NOW: Build FAQ](#)

[DOB NOW: Build Resources for Antenna and Curb Cut Filings](#)

[DOB NOW: Build Resources for Sidewalk Shed, Supported Scaffold, Fence and Sign Filings](#)

[DOB NOW: Build Withdrawal Request Letter Template](#)

[DOB NOW: Build Superseding Request Letter Template](#)

[DOB NOW: Build Workarounds Tip Sheet](#)

[DOB NOW: Build Sidewalk Shed, Supported Scaffolding, Construction Fence and Sign Session Presentation](#)

[Curb Cuts](#)

[Scaffolds & Sheds](#)

[Signs](#)

[Industry Notice: Cranes & Derricks](#)

[Registration Closed For Managing Floodplain Development Through NFIP](#)

Update pages are printable inserts to keep your hard copy Construction Codes up to date.

All [update pages](#) for the 2014 NYC Construction Codes.

## Local Laws

### Safety Orientation Requirements

[Local Law 206 of 2017](#) (effective 5.16.18) amends the Administrative Code of The City of New York, in relation to requiring site-specific safety orientations for workers at construction sites.

### Civil Penalties For Sites With Excessive Violations

[Local Law 205 of 2017](#) (effective 6.1.18) amends the Administrative Code of The City of New York, in relation to increasing the civil penalties for construction sites with excessive violations.

### Pre-Shift Safety Meetings

[Local Law 204 of 2017](#) (effective 5.16.18) amends the Administrative Code of The City of New York, in relation to requiring pre-shift safety meetings for workers at construction sites.

### Penalties For Violations of Site Safety Provisions

[Local Law 203 of 2017](#) (effective 3.17.18) amends the Administrative Code of The City of New York, in relation to penalties for violations of site safety provisions of the construction codes.

## Did You Know

DOB is not the only agency embracing the power of public data. NYC Planning's interactive digital portal on Community District Profiles gives members of the public access to a comprehensive range of maps, data analysis, and visualizations on topics including demographics, zoning and land use, and current building projects.

[NYC Planning Community District Profiles](#)

## Licensing

Registration Renewal: Concrete Safety Manager

Obtain a: New York City Concrete Safety Manager Registration

Changes to Construction Superintendent & Concrete Safety Manager Registrations

Obtain a: Master & Special Electrician License

Obtain a: Private Elevator Inspection Agency Director or Co-Director License

Obtain a: Private Elevator Inspector Agency License

Obtain a: General Contractor Registration

Obtain a: Site Safety Manager Certification

Obtain a: Site Safety Coordinator Certification

Obtain a: Class A, B or C Master Fire Suppression Piping Contractor License

License Renewal: Master Fire Suppression Piping Contractor

Hoisting Machine Operators

License Renewal: Hoisting Machine Operator Class A & B

License Renewal: Class C Hoist Machine Operator

Obtain a: Class A Hoisting Machine Operator License

Obtain a: Class B Hoisting Machine Operator License

Obtain a: Class C 1, 2, or 3 Hoisting Machine Operator License

Obtain a: Special Rigger License

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