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New Safety Training Requirements Are in Effect



Reminder: Beginning March 1st construction workers on various types of work sites will be required to have OSHA 10-hour safety training.

The Department of Buildings is actively working with a coalition of other City agencies, including the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit, the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs, and the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs to raise awareness about the new requirements with members of the construction and buildings trades through a multifaceted campaign that includes direct outreach and distribution of flyers in English and Spanish, messages on social media channels, stories in local and ethnic media outlets and ads on bus shelters. DOB has issued several service notices to members of the industry, and is also providing in-person trainings on compliance with the law and detailed information on our [website](#).

If you are a construction worker still in need of training, see the US Department of Labor for a list of [online OSHA-certified courses](#). Free and reduced-cost training programs are also being provided by a number of NYC nonprofits. Info on these programs is available in [English and Spanish](#).

Save the Dates: Build Safe | Live Safe Conference 2018

Service Updates

[NEW Permit Fees for New Buildings and Alteration Filings](#)

[Master and Special Electrician Original and Renewal License Applicants Subject to OATH/ECB Civil Penalties Review](#)

[Change to DOB NOW Payment Screens](#)

[Local Law 196 of 2017: Construction Safety Training](#)

2014 Construction Code Updates

[Update Page #48](#) reflects changes made by [Local Law 188 of 2017](#) in relation to the creation of a real time enforcement unit in the department of buildings

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

[Local Law 13 of 2018](#) (Int. No. 1403-A) A Local Law to amend the New York City building code, in relation to requiring anemometers on cranes.

[Local Law 14 of 2018](#) (Int. No. 1431-A) A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the registration and duties of lift directors.

[Local Law 62 of 2018](#) (Int. No. 1009-A) A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to an online portfolio report of registered property owners.

Hearings + Rules

[1 RCNY 101-02 Amendment of Rules Regarding Elevator Work \(Waiver of Certain Construction Documents Required to be Submitted by Registered Design Professionals for Certain Work Amendment\)](#)

Public hearing: 03/16/18 @ 10:00 AM - 280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room



2018 Build Safe | Live Safe Conference (Thursday, May 10, 2018)

The Department's Build Safe | Live Safe Conference is a daylong series of seminars, where Department experts discuss industry trends and highlight safe construction operations. Stay tuned for Conference topics and updates. [Get your tickets today!](#)

Construction Safety Week 2018

During Construction Safety Week (May 7-11), Department staff will visit construction sites to promote safety during our annual multi-lingual Experience is Not Enough campaign. "Our highest priority is to promote safe worksites and protect the public, a responsibility we take very seriously," says Buildings Commissioner Rick Chandler. "No building is worth a life, and that's a belief every person in the development industry should keep in mind whenever they step onto a construction site."

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DOB Celebrates Black History Month with Student Exhibition on Black Design Professionals

[1 RCNY 101-06](#) Amendment of Rules Governing Special Inspectors and Special Inspection Agencies
Promulgated Effective Date 03/07/18

[1 RCNY 101-07](#) Amendment of Rules Regarding Elevator Work (Approved Agencies Amendment)

Public hearing: 03/16/18 - 10:00 AM - 280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room

[1 RCNY 102-01](#) Amendment of Buildings Penalty Schedule (Violation Classification and Certification of Correction Amendment)
Promulgated Effective Date 03/07/18

[1 RCNY 102-01](#) Construction Site Safety Training Rules (Violation Classification and Certification of Correction Amendment)

Public hearing: 03/08/18 @ 10:00 AM @ 125 Worth Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium

[1 RCNY 104-09](#) Amendment of Licensing Requirements for Hoisting Machine Operators

Public hearing: 03/12/18 @ 10:00 AM - 280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room

[1 RCNY 105-03](#) Construction Site Safety Training Rules (Department-Approved Courses Amendment)

Public hearing: 03/08/18 @ 10:00 AM - 125 Worth Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium

[1 RCNY 3301-01](#) Amendment of Rules Relating to Construction Superintendents (Construction Site Signs Amendment)

Public hearing: 03/19/18 @ 10:00 AM - 280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room

[1 RCNY 3301-02](#) Amendment of Rules Relating to Construction Superintendents (Construction Superintendents Amendment)

Public hearing: 03/19/18 @ 10:00 AM - 280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room

[1 RCNY 3321-01](#) Construction Site Safety Training Rules

Public hearing: 03/08/18 @ 10:00 AM - 125 Worth Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium

[All Department Rules](#)

Buildings Bulletins

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Website Updates



February is Black History Month, and to celebrate DOB hosted a three-day exhibition to recognize the important contributions Black design professionals have made to our built environment. We invited students from the Williamsburg High School of Architecture and Design to showcase their artwork, which consisted of building renderings, a CAD Drawing (computer-aided designs), and a brief description of the professional who created the design. Featured architects included **Robert Robinson Taylor**, the first accredited African-American architect, and designer of several of the buildings at Tuskegee University as well as Cornell University's Sage Hall; **Paul Williams**, who designed a number of notable public buildings in Los Angeles, as well as several of Hollywood's most famous private homes; and Chicago-based architect and urban planner **Wendell Jerome Campbell** who founded the National Organization of Minority Architects, and whose premier projects include the DuSable Museum of African American History.

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[Updated Safety Page with Information on LL 196](#)

[Updated Special Rigger License Renewal Checklist](#)

[Updated Master Rigger License Renewal Checklist](#)

[Updated NYC Class 1 Filing Representative License Checklist](#)

[Updated Master & Special Electrician License Renewal Checklist](#)

[Updated Private Elevator Inspection Agency Director License Checklist](#)

[Updated Master Plumber License Renewal Checklist](#)

[Updated General Contractor Registration Checklist](#)

[Updated Class A, B, or C Master Fire Suppression Piping Contractor License Checklist](#)

[Updated Class A Hoisting Machine Operator License Checklist](#)

[Updated Class B Hoisting Machine Operator License Checklist](#)

[Updated Department Approved Course Providers List](#)

[Updated Housing Maintenance Code](#)

[Updated Superseding Letter Template for DOB NOW: *Build*](#)

[Updated Energy Code: What Rules Apply When Table](#)

[Updated Determinations FAQs](#)

[Updated Determinations Fact Sheet](#)

Did You Know

March 3rd-10th is NYC Open Data Week, a celebration to raise awareness of the many utilities of the City's public data.

Promoted by the City of New York's Open Data team, BetaNYC, and NYC's civic tech community, more than 20 events, workshops, and exhibits will be presented across the City to explore how [NYC Open Data](#) is being used in innovative ways while encouraging a wider knowledge of New York City's open datasets.

DOB's Data Team will be taking part in several events. Click [here](#) for more details and ticket information.

Disciplinary Cases

DOB obtained the voluntary surrender of all Directive 14 and Professional Certification privileges of a professional engineer who was responsible for submitting multiple defective sidewalk shed applications to DOB, including for a sidewalk shed that collapsed on November 19, 2017 in Manhattan.

DOB also revoked all Directive 14 and Professional Certification privileges of a registered architect for knowingly including false statements on multiple technical reports submitted to the Department of Buildings.

The Administrative Enforcement Unit issued \$24,000 in fines to a Bronx building owner for submitting documents to DOB falsely claiming that a violation issued for failure to secure a retaining wall with a 20 foot drop was corrected.

DOB's Sign Unit issued \$32,400 in penalties for displaying illegal advertising signage without a permit on the exterior of a Manhattan building.

A criminal summons was issued to the owner of a Brooklyn building, for repeated failure to comply with a Partial Vacate Order for the building's roof and cellar.

Additional Disciplinary Actions & Voluntary Surrenders

Industry Code of Conduct for Construction Professionals

Job Postings

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Rick D. Chandler, P.E., Commissioner

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