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Support for Small Businesses



Know a small business that could use help with a buildings-related issue? Refer them to the Department's Small Business Support Team (SBT).

DOB offers one-on-one guidance to small business owners and other small organizations on planned or ongoing construction projects. The DOB experts at SBT can assist with inspections, navigating the permitting process, and resolving DOB-issued violations, helping business owners save both time and money. Whether opening a new place of business or renovating an existing one, New Yorkers can get the dedicated support they need from the [Small Business Support Team](#).

For additional available resources and support, business owners can contact the NYC Department of Small Business Services' [NYC Business Express Service Team \(BEST\)](#).

Updated SST Cards



Reminder that DOB will begin enforcing the requirement for updated NYC DOB Training Connect SST ID Cards on the City's larger and more complex work sites starting on March 18th, 2023.

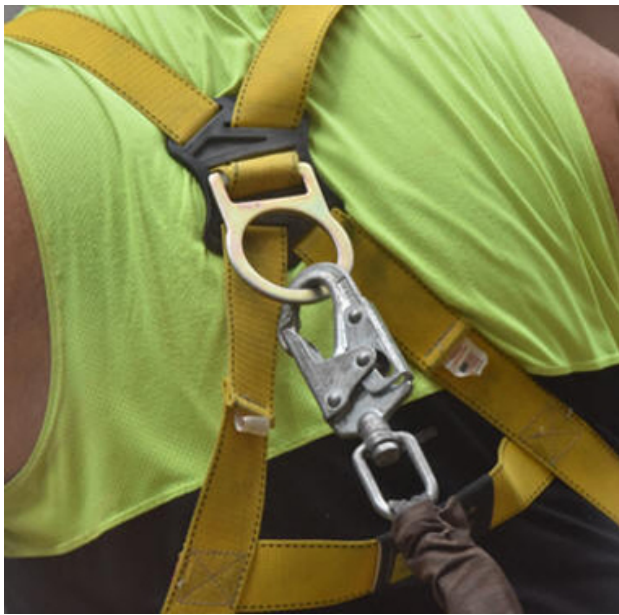
These updated SST cards are only issued by approved DOB training providers through NYC DOB Training Connect. The cards include a NFC chip which can be scanned to validate the authenticity of the card, in an effort to prevent fraud.

Don't delay! If you have an older SST card, issued before January 1, 2022, contact the course provider who issued their card today to have it replaced with a new NYC DOB Training Connect SST ID Card.

[Read our Service Notice](#)

[Find out more information about Site Safety Training \(SST\)](#)

DOB Launches PSA Videos



The Department of Buildings is committed to promoting safe work practices on building construction sites across our City. Every year, falls are found to be the most common cause of building construction-related fatalities and serious injuries in this City. The best way to prevent these worker falls is to follow all applicable OSHA and DOB requirements for properly safeguarding your construction site.

To help ensure that these important safety measures are not overlooked, the Department has unveiled new public service announcement videos highlighting fall prevention measures and the requirement for mandatory construction safety training on NYC's larger and more complex work sites.

["Elvis Has Left The Building Video" Video PSA](#)

["Gravity Don't Give a Damn" Video PSA](#)

["Gravity Don't Give a Damn II" Video PSA](#)

["NYC Fashion Week" Video PSA](#)

Hear From The Mayor



The Adams administration is dedicated to cutting through the noise and delivering information directly to you and all New Yorkers.

Sign up to "Hear From Eric" and get direct messages from City Hall, tailored to your interests and neighborhood, sent directly to your inbox - at nyc.gov/hearfromeric!

Full Demolition Work Type in DOB NOW



Beginning March 6th, 2023, the Department of Buildings will be rolling out Full Demolition (FD) jobs in our online portal, DOB NOW: *Build*. This latest update means that now almost every type of construction project work type can be filed completely online using DOB NOW.

DOB is offering a live training webinar on Wednesday, March 8th, on the new process to file Full Demolition jobs in DOB NOW: *Build*. Sign up today!

[Read our Service Notice](#)

[Visit Our Website to Sign Up For The Training Webinar](#)

[Visit the DOB NOW Public Portal](#)

Business Signs Enforcement Moratorium Extended



The moratorium on the issuance of business sign violations has been extended to February 9, 2025.

Until that date, DOB will not issue violations for business storefront signs that existed before February 9, 2019 and neither exceed 150 sq. ft. in area nor exceed 1,200 pounds in weight, unless the sign creates an imminent threat to public health or safety.

[Find More Information About Business Sign Regulations](#)

Gas Piping System Inspection Reminder



Gas piping systems in all buildings, except for one- and two-family homes, and other buildings classified in Occupancy Group R-3, must be inspected at least once every four years by a Licensed Master Plumber (LMP), or a qualified individual working for an LMP, as per Local law 152 of 2016.

Building owners in Community Districts 11, 12, 14, 15, 17 in all boroughs have until December 31, 2023, to have their gas piping system inspected.

[Visit Our Website For More Information About Periodic Gas Piping System Inspections](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions About Local law 152 of 2016](#)

Live Virtual Events at DOB



Need help understanding building regulations in NYC? Want to talk directly to DOB experts about your construction-related questions? Curious about the latest DOB service updates?

Then join the thousands of New Yorkers who have already been attending our live online events by registering for an upcoming session today!

Our schedule for borough specific Q&A sessions and industry meetings through the end of March are up on the website. Registration is free but space is limited, so sign up today!

[Check Out All of Our Upcoming Scheduled Online Events.](#)

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