

An aerial photograph of New York City, showing a dense urban landscape with numerous skyscrapers and buildings. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue rectangle that serves as a background for the title text.

# LOCAL LAW 196 OF 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

October 2019

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# BACKGROUND

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- This annual report has been prepared pursuant to Local Law 196 of 2017 (“Local Law 196”), which was passed by the New York City Council on September 27, 2017 and signed by the Mayor on October 16, 2017.
- When fully phased-in on September 1, 2020, Local Law 196 will require that certain workers at certain job sites receive 40 hours of safety training and that supervisors receive 62 hours of safety training.
- The job sites to which Local Law 196 is applicable are sites that are required to designate a Construction Superintendent, Site Safety Coordinator or Site Safety Manager.
- The workers and supervisors to which Local Law 196 is applicable are workers and supervisors who engage in construction or demolition work at the aforementioned sites.

# MAJOR IMPLEMENTATION MILESTONES

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Local Law 196, as amended by Local Law 119 of 2019, phases-in site safety training requirements in three parts:

- By **March 1, 2018** workers were required to have a minimum of 10 hours of training.
- By **December 1, 2019** workers will be required to have a minimum of 30 hours of training and supervisors will be required to have 62 hours of training.
- By **September 1, 2020** workers will be required to have 40 hours of training.

# OUTREACH

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Leading up to the first and second major implementation milestones, March 1, 2018 and December 1, 2019, the Department has performed and continues to perform extensive outreach to stakeholders to ensure that information about the site safety training requirements reaches those who need it. Such outreach includes:

- **Visiting Construction Sites.** For several months, the Department's inspectorial units have been distributing palm cards in multiple languages directly to workers. The Department's Community Engagement Unit has started distributing palm cards as well, visiting 500 sites the week of September 9th alone. This work will continue through September 1, 2020. To date, the Department has distributed nearly 57,000 palm cards in thirteen different languages.
- **Direct mailings.** The Department has conducted multiple mailings to both permit holders and site safety professionals. The mailings to permit holders inform such permit holders that site safety training is required for work that is conducted under their permit. The mailings to site safety professionals, including Construction Superintendents, Site Safety Coordinators, Site Safety Managers and Concrete Safety Managers, remind them that they must have 62 hours of training by December 1, 2019.



# OUTREACH ( *CONTINUED* )

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- **Creating Online Tools.**
  - **Website Updates.** The Department has reorganized its website to create content specific to workers, supervisors, employers and course providers.
  - **Site Safety Construction Map.** The Department created a Site Safety Construction Map, which identifies the sites throughout New York City where site safety training is required. This map allows workers to search the job sites where they currently work or where they plan to work to confirm whether the training is required at such sites.
  - **Course Provider Map.** The Department created a Course Provider Map, which identifies the course providers who offer site safety training throughout New York City. Additionally, workers can find out what languages are supported by course providers who offer training.
- **Information Sessions.** Since the enactment of Local Law 196, the Department has hosted eighteen information sessions to inform the public about the site safety training requirements. These information sessions were attended by more than 1,000 members of the public.

# OUTREACH ( *CONTINUED* )

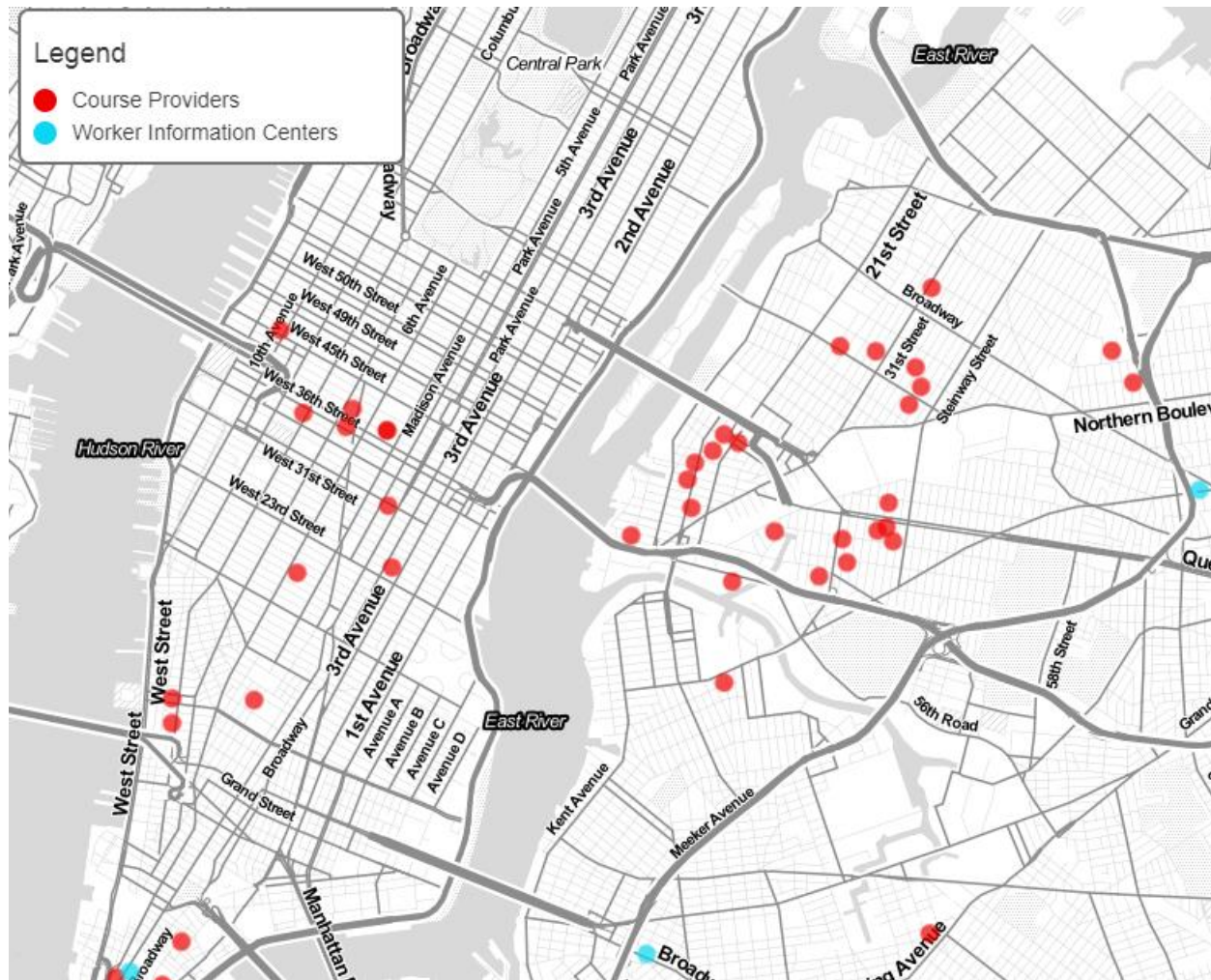
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- **Service Notices.** Since the enactment of Local Law 196, the Department has issued at least a dozen Service Notices that provide information to the public regarding the implementation of Local Law 196. These Service Notices are distributed widely, including through Buildings News, our electronic newsletter with a circulation of more than 50,000.
- **Advertising.** The Department is running 1,000 subway ads and multilingual advertisements in 30 community newspapers through the end of the year. Additionally, advertisements will appear on bus stop shelters and LinkNYC kiosks beginning this month. These ads will be focused on making the public aware of the upcoming December 1, 2019 implementation milestone. The Department also ran television and radio commercials throughout the summer of 2019.
- **Rulemaking.** The Department promulgated a rule to require worker information signs within construction sites that provide information to workers about site safety training in all languages spoken at the site.
- **Social Media.** The Department has been posting Local Law 196 updates on Social Media regularly and will continue doing so through September 1, 2020.

# SITE SAFETY CONSTRUCTION MAP



# COURSE PROVIDER MAP





# ADVERTISING

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**KEEP SAFE.  
KEEP TRAINING.  
KEEP CERTIFIED.**



**KEEP SAFE.**

**KEEP TRAINING.**

**KEEP CERTIFIED.**

Get your 30-hour safety training  
by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

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Call 311 for more information.

# WORKER INFORMATION SIGNS

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**As of December 1, 2019:**

- **Workers will not be permitted to work on this site unless they have 30 hours of safety training, demonstrated by an OSHA 30 card, a Limited Site Safety Training Card, or a Site Safety Training Card.**
- **Workers serving as a Site Safety Manager, Site Safety Coordinator, Concrete Safety Manager, Construction Superintendent or a Competent Person, as required by Section 3301.13.12 of the Building Code, will not be permitted to work on this site unless they have 62 hours of safety training, demonstrated by a Supervisor Site Safety Training Card.**

**As of September 1, 2020:**

- **Workers will not be permitted to work on this site unless they have 40 hours of safety training, demonstrated by a Site Safety Training Card.**

**Visit [www.nyc.gov/nycsafety](http://www.nyc.gov/nycsafety) or call 311 for more information.**

**TO ANONYMOUSLY REPORT UNSAFE CONDITIONS AT THIS WORK SITE,  
CALL 311.**

# SITE SAFETY TRAINING CARDS

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Through September 2019, course providers have issued 28,203 Site Safety Training Cards. This includes:

Type of Card	Number of Cards Issued
Temporary SST Card	1,914
Limited SST Card	12,586
Full SST Card	7,350
Supervisor SST Card	6,353

Additionally, course providers have issued 67,335 OSHA 10 and 27,212 OSHA 30 cards since 2015, which may all be applied towards a Site Safety Training Card. This number does not account for the OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 cards that workers have received from OSHA-authorized trainers who are not approved by the Department. For the purposes of December 1, 2019 training deadline, an OSHA 30 card will serve as acceptable proof that a worker has received required training.

# SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS

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There are 67 course providers offering site safety training courses. Each course provider is offering multiple courses:

Title of Course	Providers Offering Course
8-Hour Fall Prevention	65
2-Hour Drug and Alcohol Awareness	64
2-Hour 'Tool Box' Talks	47
4-Hour Fall Prevention	47
2-Hour Pre-Task Meeting	46
4-Hour Supported Scaffold User & Refresher	45
2-Hour Site Safety Plan (SSP)	45



# SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS (*CONTINUED*)

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Title of Course	Providers Offering Course
8-Hour Site Safety Manager Refresher / Chapter 33	45
1-Hour Stairways and Ladders	44
1-Hour Tools-Hand and Power	43
1-Hour Confined Space Entry	42
1-Hour Fire Protection and Prevention	40
1-Hour Personnel Lifts/Aerial Lifts/Scissor Lifts Safety	38
1-Hour Flag Person	37
1-Hour Materials Handling, Storage, Use, and Disposal	36

# SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS (*CONTINUED*)

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Title of Course	Providers Offering Course
1-Hour Electrocution Prevention	36
1-Hour Handling Heavy Materials and Proper Lifting Techniques	35
1-Hour Asbestos/Lead Awareness	35
1-Hour Health and Safety Programs in Construction	34
1-Hour Job Hazard Analysis	33
1-Hour Welding and Cutting	33
1-Hour Protection from Sun Exposure	31

# SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS ( *CONTINUED* )

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Title of Course	Providers Offering Course
1-Hour Hoisting and Rigging	31
1-Hour First Aid and CPR	31
1-Hour Scaffolds-Suspended	30
1-Hour Concrete and Masonry Construction	30
1-Hour Ergonomics	29
1-Hour Risk Assessment and Accident Investigation	29
2.5-Hour Foundations of Safety Leadership	29
1-Hour Cranes, Derricks, Hoists, and Conveyors	28

# SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS ( *CONTINUED* )

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Title of Course	Providers Offering Course
1-Hour Excavations	28
1-Hour Demolition Safety	27
1-Hour Motor Vehicles, Mechanized Equipment and Marine Operations; Rollover Protective Structures and Overhead Protection; and Signs, Signals and Barricades	27
1-Hour Repetitive Motion Injuries	26
1-Hour Steel Erection	24



# SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDER AUDITS

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The Department is performing both course audits and training provider administrative audits.

- Course audits include investigators auditing courses as they are being held, ensuring courses are the proper length, checking sign-in logs for accuracy, and recording the names of trainers and attendees to compare against training providers' records. To date, the Department has performed 16 course audits.
- Training provider administrative audits include ensuring that course providers are maintaining appropriate records, keeping the credentials of instructors on hand, utilizing an electronic database to track and readily validate training records upon the request of the Department, and that providers are issuing Site Safety Training cards acceptable to the Department. To date, the Department has performed 45 training provider administrative audits.

# ENFORCEMENT

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Last year, the Department created a new unit, the Construction Safety Compliance (CSC) Unit, which is dedicated to performing proactive safety compliance inspections. The CSC Unit inspects active construction sites, reviews construction Site Safety Plans, and enforces site safety training requirements. Since September 2018, when the CSC Unit launched, the CSC Unit has conducted nearly 20,000 inspections at nearly 10,200 unique sites. Nearly 15,000 or 75% of inspections required no enforcement actions by the Department. The Department has issued 11,233 violations and 2,470 Stop Work Orders to the sites that did not pass inspection.

The CSC Unit is also responsible for enforcing Local Law 196. Through September 2019, the Department has found that 97% of jobsites visited are in compliance with Local Law 196. The Department found 229 jobsites where a total of 504 construction workers did not have required site safety training. The Department has issued 2,202 violations and 229 Stop Work Orders to the sites where workers did not have required site safety training. The Department has also made 50 referrals to the New York City Department of Investigation where it has found workers who possess fraudulent OSHA cards or where there have been allegations of suppliers of fraudulent OSHA cards.



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