

# Buildings news update

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## WORKER ALERT: Know the Dos and Don'ts of Façade Safety



Façade work performed on scaffolding can be extremely dangerous and workers must follow proper safety procedures at all times to prevent death or serious injury.

To help those engaged in façade construction work in New York City, DOB has issued a new [Worker Alert](#). This Worker Alert offers practical guidance on how to perform façade construction work safely.

Read the full [Alert](#) for best practices and potential life-saving information like:

- Getting properly trained before you step on a scaffold. [Find a DOB-approved course provider](#).
- Utilizing fall protection properly. Wearing a harness is not enough!
- Exercising extreme care when removing coping stones.
- Practicing safe sequencing.
- Avoiding the use of stand-off brackets. [Stand-off brackets are dangerous and prohibited](#).
- And more practical situational safety information...

Proper scaffold set up is essential. For requests of a DOB inspection of corner/angle scaffolds, a [Corner/Angle Scaffold Inspection Request Form](#) must be submitted. Be ready for a successful corner/angle scaffold inspection by meeting the [inspection requirements](#) laid out in this [Service Notice](#).

## WATCH NOW: How to Winterize Your Home

Check out the latest video on [Winterizing Your Home](#) from our [DOB Docs](#) series. We'll provide tips on ways to prepare your home for winter, keep your family warmer, and make your home more energy efficient, which helps the planet, and may save you money as well. [Watch Now >>](#)

**Topics include:**

- Heat Retention
- Pipe Safety
- Fire Hazards
- Heating Systems and Chimney Maintenance\*
- General Safety and Sustainability

\*Chimneys supporting gas and/or oil heating appliances can become blocked and cause flue gasses to be backed up into the living space. Flue gasses are hazardous to occupants and can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning. DOB strongly recommends that building owners perform annual inspections of the clean out at the base of chimneys that support fuel-fired heating appliances.



## Stay Up-to-date on the COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout in NYC



The COVID-19 vaccine is here and there are Vaccination Sites opening in all five boroughs.

Looking for the latest news on the COVID-19 vaccine in New York City?

Text: 'COVID' to **692692**

For updates in Spanish/Para noticias en español,

Text: 'COVIDESP' a **692692**

New Yorkers who are eligible for the vaccine should visit [NYC.Gov/VaccineFinder](https://www.nyc.gov/vaccinefinder) for information on vaccination sites and available appointments.

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