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REMINDER: New Construction Safety Training Requirements

Local Law 196 of 2017 will require that workers at various types of construction sites receive site safety training. This training will begin to be required starting on March 1, 2018. On March 1, 2018, workers must receive, at a minimum, the following training: an OSHA 10-hour class, or an OSHA 30-hour class, or a 100-hour training program approved by the Department.

The Department is hosting series of information sessions to provide guidance regarding the requirements of the legislation. See the schedule below for dates and links to register. Space is limited; the events are free but an RSVP is required.

Date	Time	Location	RSVP Link
3/23/2018	3:30 PM 5:00 PM	280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room	RSVP LINK
4/6/2018	10:30 AM 12:00 PM	280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room	RSVP LINK
4/20/2018	10:30 AM 12:00 PM	280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room	RSVP LINK
5/4/2018	3:30 PM 5:00 PM	280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room	RSVP LINK
5/18/2018	10:30 AM 12:00 PM	280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room	RSVP LINK
6/1/2018	2:30 PM 4:00 PM	280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room	RSVP LINK
6/18/2018	10:30 AM 12:00 PM	280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room	RSVP LINK

For more information on the site safety training requirements, please visit the Department's [Worker Safety page](#).

DOB Lends a Hand in Puerto Rico

Service Updates

[Amendments to Electrical Job Filings \(ED16A\)](#)

[New York City Electrical Code Revision Committee Accepting Applications for Members](#)

[LOCAL LAW 133/16: Benchmarking Compliance for Mid-size Buildings](#)

[Plumbing, Fire Suppression and Electrical License Boards: Accepting Applications for Members](#)

[REQUIREMENT: Plumbing NB/Alt-1 Certificate of Occupancy and Temporary Certificate of Occupancy Sign-off Submission in DOB NOW: *Inspections*](#)

[NEW REQUIREMENT: Place of Assembly Inspection Requests for Emergency Lighting Documents to be Uploaded in DOB NOW: *Inspections*](#)

[REQUIREMENT: Electrical NB/Alt-1 Certificate of Occupancy Sign-off Submission in DOB NOW: *Inspections*](#)

[Civil Penalties Increased for Work Without a Permit Penalties Increased for Violation of a Stop Work Order \(SWO\)](#)

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

[DOB NOW: *Build* Information Sessions for Electrical Job Filings](#)

2014 Construction Code Updates

[Update Page #44](#) reflects changes made by [Int. No. 1431-A](#) in relation to the registration and duties of lift directors

[Update Page #45](#) reflects changes made by [Int. No. 1629-A](#) in relation to requiring periodic recommendations on adoption of more stringent energy efficiency requirements for certain buildings.

[Update Page #46](#) reflects changes made by [Int. No. 1632-A](#) in relation to energy efficiency scores and grades for certain buildings.

[Update Page #47](#) reflects changes made by [Local Law 151 of 2016](#) (Int. No. 1079-A) in relation to final inspections of gas piping systems.



DOB is proud to share the story of our team of volunteers who assisted in disaster recovery operations in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria. Fourteen DOB employees with specialties in engineering, architecture, construction, plumbing, and elevators were dispatched to San Juan in early October as part of a larger City contingent to inspect and evaluate the integrity of residences and vital structures such as government buildings, schools, police precincts, and hospitals. In addition, DOB's GIS analysts worked from our offices in NYC to develop an accurate map of structures on the island that is still being used to provide real-time information to government and recovery workers on the ground.

You can read more in our [press release](#), and in the piece [How a Team of New York City Inspectors Helped Puerto Rico After Maria](#) featured in the New York Times.

UPDATE: 2016 New York City Energy Conservation Code



2016 New York State Energy Conservation Construction Code, based on the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code and ASHRAE 90.1-2013 as modified by the State of New York, went into effect on October 3, 2016. Adopted as Local Law 91 of 2016, the **2016 New York City Energy Conservation Code (NYCECC)**, based on the State Code and further modified, also went into effect on October 3, 2016. Legislation is currently pending with New York City Council to amend the 2016 NYCECC based on recent changes made by the NYS Supplement. Please visit [our website](#) periodically for updates.

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 70 of 2018 ([Int. No. 1419-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to penalties for construction site safety violations that result in or are accompanied by death or serious physical injury.

Local Law 65 of 2018 ([Int. No. 1120-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to notification of proposed soil or foundation work.

Local Law 64 of 2018 ([Int. No. 1015-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a housing portal.

Local Law 48 of 2018 ([Int. No. 1678-B](#)) A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to amending the definition of harassment to include discriminatory threats and requests for proof of citizenship status.

Local Law 34 of 2018 ([Int. No. 1241-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to diaper changing accommodations.

Local Law 33 of 2018 ([Int. No. 1632-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to energy efficiency scores and grades for certain buildings.

Local Law 32 of 2018 ([Int. No. 1629-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring periodic recommendations on adoption of more stringent energy efficiency requirements for certain buildings.

Local Law 30 of 2018 ([Int. No. 1039-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to city-owned vacant property that may be suitable for the development of affordable housing.

Local Law 29 of 2018 ([Int. No. 1036-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a census of vacant properties.

Local Law 24 of 2018 ([Int. No. 1721-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to amending the definition of harassment.

In addition, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is sponsoring Energy Code trainings for Architects and Engineers. [Register today](#) and check [NYSERDA](#) for the most up to date training programs and project assistance.

DOB NOW Year in Review



2017 was a big year for **DOB NOW**. We released nine additional work types in DOB NOW: *Build*, and boiler and facade filings in DOB NOW: *Safety*, and received a combined total of 90,000 filings through both systems. Stay tuned for more updates and additional work-type releases in 2018!

Disciplinary Cases

The Administrative Enforcement Unit levied \$37,000 in fines issued to a contractor for failure to safeguard a construction site and failure to report a worker accident to DOB.

DOB's Brooklyn Borough Enforcement Unit fined the owner of a synagogue \$22,500 for violating various stop work and full vacate orders by continuing to hold religious services in a structurally unsound building.

Our Signs Unit issued \$40,000 in fines to a business for displaying illegal advertising signage on a busy Staten Island roadway.

The Special Enforcement Team secured a 2 year suspension of full filing privileges and the permanent revocation of the Professional Certification and Directive 14 Privileges of a professional engineer for illegally filing professionally certified applications with DOB while on probation.

Additional Disciplinary Actions & Voluntary Surrenders

Industry Code of Conduct for Construction Professionals

Hearings + Rules

1 RCNY 28-01 (effective 2.21.18) Required Smoke Detecting Devices and Systems (Repeal)

1 RCNY 28-02 (effective 2.21.18) Required Carbon Monoxide Detecting Devices and Systems (Repeal)

1 RCNY 37-01 (effective 2.21.18) Rules of Procedure for Amending, Revising or Promulgating Reference Standards (Repeal)

1 RCNY 7000-01 (effective 2.21.18) Repeal of Superseded Rules

All Department Rules

Website Updates

[Updated BEST Appointment Request Form](#)

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 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 7 of 2018 ([Int. No. 1210-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to creating a program for evaluation of certain multiple dwellings and transactions to establish a speculation list.

Local Law 3 of 2018 ([Int. No. 443-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the New York city building code, in relation to crane modernization.

Local Law 1 of 2018 ([Int. No. 152-C](#)) A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring a certification of no harassment prior to approval of construction documents or issuance of permits for demolition or renovation of certain buildings.

Buildings Bulletins

2018-001 - This Bulletin clarifies the water supply requirements for building standpipe system zones serving floors higher than 300 feet above the lower level of Fire Department vehicle access.

[All Buildings Bulletins](#)

Did You Know

In response to recent major fires, the New York City Fire Department released two new videos urging all New Yorkers to "Close the Door." Closing the door will prevent the spread of fire, smoke and heat.

The videos can be viewed on [FDNY's Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) pages.

[Updated Withdrawal Request Form for DOB NOW: *Build* Job Filings](#)

[Updated DOB NOW: *Build* Antenna and Curb Cut Information Session Presentation](#)

[Updated DOB NOW: *Build* Electrical Filing User Manual](#)

[DOB NOW: *Build* Elevator Filing Webinar](#)

[DOB NOW: *Inspections* Manual for Requesting, Canceling, and Viewing Results](#)

[DOB NOW: *Inspections* Manual for Requesting Advance Notice Inspection and Results Only Certifications](#)

[DOB NOW *Inspections* Manual for Gas Authorization and Sign Off](#)

[DOB NOW *Inspections* Manual for Requesting Sing Off for Temporary and Final Certificates of Occupancy](#)

[Updated Information on Scaffold and Shed Permits](#)

[Updated Top Elevator Offenders List](#)

[Call for Applications to the Electrical & Plumbing, Fire Suppression License Boards](#)

[Application Deadline Extended for 2018 Electrical Code Revision Committees](#)

Job Postings

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