

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

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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.
- Fully phased-in on March 1, 2021, Local Law 196 requires that workers at certain job sites receive 40 hours of safety training and 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, phased-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 were required to have a minimum of 30 hours of training and supervisors were required to have 62 hours of training.
  - By **March 1, 2021** workers were required to have 40 hours of training.

**Note:** The date by which workers were required to have 40 hours of training was September 1, 2020. On August 27, 2020, the New York City Council passed a bill to extend the date by which workers were required to have 40 hours of training to March 1, 2021.



# SITE SAFETY CONSTRUCTION MAP



# NYC DOB TRAINING CONNECT

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- In the fall of 2021, the Department introduced NYC DOB Training Connect, a web-based platform designed to centralize the information used to manage the issuance of SST cards to reduce the likelihood of fraud.
- All Department-approved course providers are required to use the platform to manage SST records for their students and to issue official NYC DOB Training Connect SST cards.
- Since January 1, 2022, DOB-approved course providers have issued SST cards through the NYC DOB Training Connect platform. All previously issued SST Cards were to be replaced by a NYC DOB Training Connect SST card by January 31, 2023.

# SITE SAFETY TRAINING CARDS

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- The DOB Training Connect platform became available for use in October 2021, and currently has 437,692 students who have received some form of training. To date, 338,439 active Site Safety Training Cards have been issued through the platform. This includes:

Type of Card	Number of Cards Issued
Temporary SST Card	207
Full SST Card	286,783
Supervisor SST Card	51,449

# SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS

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- There are 146 course providers offering site safety training courses. Due to COVID-19, course providers introduced online training options which are widely available for workers. Currently, there are 70 course providers offering Live Virtual Training. Each course provider is offering multiple courses:

Title of Course	Providers Offering Course
2-Hour Drug and Alcohol Awareness	145
8-Hour Fall Prevention	144
2-Hour Tool Box Talks	123
4-Hour Fall Prevention	121
2-Hour Site Safety Plan (SSP)	120
2-Hour Pre-Task Meeting	118
1-Hour Confined Space Entry	113
4-Hour Supported Scaffold User and Refresher	110

# SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS ( *CONTINUED* )

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Title of Course	Providers Offering Course
1-Hour Electrocution Prevention	107
8-Hour Site Safety Manager Refresher/Chapter 33	102
1-Hour Handling Heavy Materials and Proper Lifting Techniques	101
1-Hour Asbestos/Lead Awareness	101
1-Hour Protection from Sun Exposure	100
1-Hour Ergonomics	100
1-Hour Health and Safety Programs in Construction	100
1-Hour Job Hazard Analysis	99
1- Hour Tools Hand and Power	86
1-Hour Stairways and Ladders	85



# SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS ( *CONTINUED* )

Title of Course	Providers Offering Course
1-Hour Fire Protection and Prevention	80
1-Hour Flag Person	76
1-Hour First Aid and CPR	75
1-Hour Materials Handling, Storage, Use and Disposal	72
1-Hour Excavations	71
1-Hour Personnel Lifts: Aerial Lifts, Scissor Lifts and Mobile Scaffolds	70
1-Hour Hoisting and Rigging	69
1-Hour Scaffolds-Suspended	65
1-Hours Welding and Cutting	65
1-Hours Concrete and Masonry Construction	63

# SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS ( *CONTINUED* )

Title of Course	Providers Offering Course
1-Hour Cranes, Derricks, Hoists, Elevators and Conveyors	63
1-Hour Demolition Safety	60
1-Hour Repetitive Motion Injuries	58
1-Hour Risk Assessment and Accident Investigation	58
1-Hour Motor Vehicles, Mechanized Equipment and Marine Operations; Rollover Protective Structures and Overhead Protection; and Signs, Signals and Barricades	57
2.50-Hour Foundations of Safety Leadership	57
1-Hour Steel Erection	53

# 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 375 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 SST cards acceptable to the Department. To date, the Department has performed 343 training provider administrative audits.

# ENFORCEMENT

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- In 2018, the Department created the Construction Safety Compliance (CSC) Unit, which is dedicated to performing proactive safety compliance inspections. The CSC Unit inspects active construction sites and enforces site safety training requirements. Since September 2018, when the CSC Unit was launched, the CSC Unit has conducted over 105,000 inspections.
- The Enforcement Bureau ensures the Industry's compliance with Local Law 196. Since enforcement began, the Department has found 1,561 jobsites where construction workers did not have appropriate Site Safety Training. This resulted in the issuance of 4,378 OATH summonses. The Department has also made 500 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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