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## Local Law 196: Construction Safety Training



Local Law 196 of 2017 is in effect, and as of March 1, 2018, all construction and demolition workers on site-safety jobs in New York City must have a minimum of 10 hours of construction safety training.

If DOB finds untrained workers on a site-safety job, we will not only issue a violation to the General Contractor who holds the permit, with an associated civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for each untrained worker. We will issue similar violations to the owners of the property as well as the employer of the untrained worker. That could mean as much as \$15,000 in associated penalties for each untrained worker found at the site.

Workers with questions regarding these training requirements can contact the Department by emailing [LocalLaw196@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:LocalLaw196@buildings.nyc.gov).

Training firms who have questions on becoming a DOB approved course provider or about course requirements can email [TrainingProviders@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:TrainingProviders@buildings.nyc.gov).

**LL 196 of 2017: Construction Safety Training Presentation**

**LL 196 of 2017: Site Safety Training Curriculum**

**Department Approved Course Providers**

**Department Approved Courses and Requirements**

**Becoming a DOB-Approved Course Provider**

## DOB Launches New Plan Exam Appointment Scheduler

## Service Updates

**New Gas Work Qualification Requirement**

**New Requirement: HPD Pilot Program Mandates Owners to Submit Required Documents to DOB**

**Elevator Compliance Filings to Launch in DOB NOW: Safety**

**Follow Up to Service Notice on Elevator Compliance Filings**

**Follow Up #2 to Service Notice on Elevator Compliance Filings**

## Buildings Bulletins

**2018-012:** Establishes filing and submittal requirements, and outlines the approval process for lithium-ion, flow batteries, lead acid, and valve regulated lead-acid battery energy storage systems listed to UL 9540.

**All Buildings Bulletins**

## 2014 Construction Code 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.

## Hearings + Rules

**All Department Rules**

## Website Updates

**DOB NOW: Safety**

**DOB NOW: Safety Elevator Resources**

**DOB NOW: Safety Elevator Presentation**

**DOB NOW: Safety Elevator Step-by-Step Filing Examples**

**DOB NOW Training**

**DOB NOW: Build How to Allow Pop-Up Blockers in Chrome**



DOB is launching a new online self-service appointment system for plan examinations on Monday, October 1st. The latest step in our ongoing efforts to streamline and standardize the permitting and development process, the new website will replace the current process of calling 311 to make appointments through the Plan Examination Notification System (PENS). Registered users will be able to schedule, modify and cancel plan exam appointments with the Department of Buildings online using the new system.

### [DOB Appointments](#)

#### [Scheduling an Appointment](#)

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## [DOB NOW: \*Build\* for LAA and EWN Filings](#)

The roll out of DOB NOW continues, as Limited Alteration Application (LAA) and Emergency Work Notification (EWN) become the latest work types to make the move to DOB NOW: *Build*, our online filing system for job filings and permits.

These applications are for plumbing work, fire suppression piping replacement and repairs, and oil burner installations that do not include construction work.

Starting on Monday, October 15, all new LAA and EWN filings must be submitted online through DOB NOW: *Build*. Sign up today for a [free training session](#) to learn how to use DOB NOW: *Build* for LAA filings.

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#### [Limited Alteration Applications \(LAA\)](#)

#### [LAA Filing Guide](#)

#### [LAA Emergency Work Notification](#)

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### [Project Advocate Program](#)

### [Office of Technical Certification and Research \(OTCR\)](#)

### [Battery Energy Storage System Required Submittal Checklist](#)

### [EER1: Application to Defer Filing an Energy Efficiency Report](#)

### [Top Elevator Offenders List](#)

### [DOB Contact List](#)

### [Boiler Technical Unit Contacts](#)

### [Construction Safety Enforcement Appointment Request Form](#)

## [Licensing](#)

### [LIC8: Filing Representative Application](#)

### [LIC2: License Application](#)

### [LIC2: License Application Instructions](#)

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### [Obtain a: Construction Superintendent Registration](#)

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### [Licensing Insurance Guidelines](#)

## [Did You Know?](#)

DOB's Build Safe | Live Safe Conference, held every year during Construction Safety Week in May, regularly sells out well in advance of the event.

If you missed your chance to attend this year, don't worry, as all of the educational presentations from the event given by DOB staff are up on our website.

### [Build Safe | Live Safe Conference Presentations](#)



DOB's Customer Service Atrium is now open for business. Join us on Wednesday, October 3rd, at 8:30am for an official ribbon cutting ceremony event at the Atrium to celebrate the new space. Located on the first floor of 280 Broadway, in Lower Manhattan, this space is the new home for:

- Administrative Enforcement Unit (AEU)
- Central Inspections Unit (Boilers and Elevators)
- Limited Alterations Applications Unit (LAA)
- Licensing & Exams Unit
- DOB's Central Cashier
- Central Filing & Billing Unit

Plan ahead for your trip to the Customer Service Atrium, or any other DOB unit, by checking our real-time online [Office Wait Times tracker](#).

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## Major Disciplinary Cases

\$80,000 in penalties issued to property owner Richard Breslaw Limited Family Partnership for operating an apartment at 614 11th Avenue, Manhattan, as an illegal transient hotel, and for a failure to comply with previously issued violations.

\$33,000 in penalties issued to property owner UMK Holdings LLC for failure to safeguard and for illegal work without a permit at 1967 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, after DOB inspectors found multiple apartments that had undergone gut renovations, and for plumbing fixtures, water piping and waste lines that were removed without a DOB work permit.

\$25,000 in penalties issued to Registered General Contractor Galaxy Developers, LLC for a failure to safeguard a construction site at 42-20 27th Street, Queens, after a worker's hard hat fell 14 stories to the ground below, outside of the perimeter fence.

Edward Hicks, R.A., Robert Krone R.A., Xiao Jun Wang P.E., and Mohammad Baalbaki, P.E. all surrendered their Professional Certification and Directive 14 privileges to the Department, after DOB investigators determined that all had previously submitted professionally certified filings to the Department that had multiple code non-compliances.

DOB publishes monthly bulletins detailing the agency's efforts to sanction and deter bad actors in the construction industry. You can find this information posted on the [Enforcement Action Bulletin](#) page of our website.

[Additional Disciplinary Actions & Voluntary Surrenders](#)

[Industry Code of Conduct for Construction Professionals](#)

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