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**COMMISSIONER CHANDLER ANNOUNCES CREATION OF
'KNOW YOUR CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONAL' DIRECTORY**
*This New Comprehensive Catalogue Gives New Yorkers Easy Access
to Discipline Records of Construction Professionals*

Safe construction begins by ensuring homeowners, property managers and development companies hire qualified and experienced professionals. Knowing a professional's disciplinary and voluntary license surrender record can help determine if they can safely perform construction work.

The Department of Buildings investigates and takes disciplinary action against construction professionals when their conduct violates standards set forth in the New York City Construction Codes. The Department has created a searchable comprehensive directory of all construction professionals that it monitors. The catalogue provides records back to 1998, and includes details of discipline action that were enforced.

"The Department's highest priority is safe development, and we work every day to find innovative ways to provide New Yorkers with the tools they need to ensure they are hiring qualified construction professionals," said Commissioner Rick Chandler. "The 'Know Your Professional' directory allows anyone, from homeowners to large development firms, easy access to a single comprehensive catalogue that provides the disciplinary and voluntary license records of construction professionals. This initiative is about safety, accountability and transparency in the construction process."

The 'Know Your Construction Professional' Directory provides disciplinary and voluntary surrender records for:

- Licensed Architects and Engineers
- Construction Superintendents;
- Contractors;
- Electricians;
- Elevator Agency Directors and Inspectors;
- Filing Representatives;
- Boiler Operating Engineers;
- Hoist Machine Operators;
- Oil Burn Equipment Installers;
- Plumbers;
- Riggers;
- Sign Hangers
- Site Safety Professionals;
- Welders;
- Concrete Safety Managers;
- and individuals that performed work without proper licensing

The Department encourages anyone hiring a construction professional to check both their disciplinary and voluntary surrender records, as well as current license status. Property owners are responsible for any work performed on their buildings and should ensure they hire qualified and experienced professionals that will comply with all requirements of the NYC Building Code and Zoning Resolution.

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