

# Buildings news update

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## Special Event Construction Embargo in Midtown Manhattan



A Special Event Construction Embargo is in effect for NYPD Police Officer Jason Rivera's wake and funeral, affecting construction work in select areas of Midtown Manhattan.

The Department of Buildings recommends that building contractors and construction professionals in the area should also refrain from any exterior building construction and construction-related deliveries during this time. They should be aware that delivery and construction vehicles, such as concrete truck deliveries, heading to the area may be disrupted during this time period.

This embargo is in effect starting Thursday, January 27th at 12:01 AM through Friday, January 28th at 11:59 PM.

[More information about the embargo can be found here.](#)

## Boiler and Elevator Inspection Updates on DOB NOW: *Safety*



DOB NOW: *Safety* has been updated for the key changes that went into effect this week for boiler and elevator inspection reports.

Included are procedural changes to annual inspection and test report requirements for elevators and boilers that were made in the 2022 NYC Construction Codes (Local Law 126 of 2021), and other improvements to make the reporting process more efficient for members of the industry performing these inspections.

[Read our Service Notice for boiler inspection updates](#)

[Read our Service Notice for elevator inspection updates](#)

## Energy Efficiency Reports Filing Requirements



In New York City, almost two thirds of green house gas emissions come from buildings. To help track how the largest of these buildings are performing, Local Law 87 of 2009 requires buildings over 50,000 gross square feet to undergo periodic energy audits, and file an Energy Efficiency Report (EER) with the city every ten years.

As of December 31, 2021, the Department is no longer accepting EER submissions from property owners who owe unpaid penalties for prior violations, until those penalties are paid in full.

[Read our Service Notice](#)

[Find out more about LL87 energy audits and EER here](#)

## Closing the Door Saves Lives



FDNY and DOB urge all New Yorkers to always close the door behind them when escaping a fire. Closing the door helps to isolate fire and prevents smoke, heat and flames from spreading to hallways and stairs.

Importantly, keeping a fire contained helps prevent its spread and often will limit the damage it can do.

[Visit FDNY's website](#) to learn more about how you can stay safe and protect those around you during an emergency event.

## DOB Q&A Sessions Bronx Edition



DOB's live bi-weekly online Q&A session for owners and design professionals of Bronx properties is on Thursday, January 27, at 2:00 PM.

The last scheduled Q&A event for January, Bronxites can join to ask their pressing building-related questions and learn more about city regulations directly from DOB experts.

This event is FREE, but space is limited. Register today!

[Click here to reserve your spot](#)

[Check out all of our upcoming events here](#)

## DOB Publishes Data Set for LAAs



DOB collects and maintains a mountain of data, from work permit applications to inspection requests. For the benefit of all New Yorkers and to promote transparency, the Department is committed to publishing this data online. Most recently, we released a new dataset for [Limited Alteration Applications \(LAA\) filed with DOB](#).

The dataset is updated daily and provides information about these LAA filings for plumbing work, fire suppression piping replacement and repairs, and oil burner installations that do not include construction work.

[Learn more about LAA jobs here](#)

## Now Hiring!



Interested in a public service career centered around keeping New York City's many construction sites and buildings safe for the public?

The NYC Department of Buildings is actively seeking qualified and dedicated members of the public to join our team. As a valued member of the Department, you can help make New York City a better place to build, work, and live.

Connect with us on [LinkedIn](#) to stay up-to-date on additional career opportunities and news. [Visit us online to see current open positions.](#)

## Do Your Part New York, Get Vaccinated!



It has never been easier to get a COVID-19 vaccination in NYC!

Open to people aged 5 and older, vaccines are available to everyone at no cost and are a critical tool in protecting yourself and your community from severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalization and death. Vaccines are also proven to be safe, effective and are now protecting millions of vaccinated New Yorkers from COVID-19.

Help fight against the spread of the contagious Omicron variant by getting vaccinated today. To find a vaccination site near you, use the [City's Vaccine Finder](#) or call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692).

[Find more info about the COVID-19 Vaccines here.](#)

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