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## Stay Safe During The 2021 Fourth of July Fireworks Display



## Happy 4th of July NYC!

We want everyone to stay safe as we celebrate this very special 4th of July fireworks display, so are reminding all property owners and tenants of safety regulations for the use of rooftops, terraces, balconies, and fire escapes in New York City.

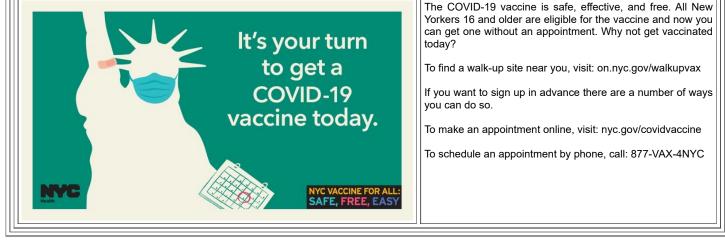
These regulations apply all year long, but are particularly relevant this holiday weekend, as New Yorkers look for vantage points to view the Macy s Fourth of July fireworks display, scheduled for Sunday evening. Unauthorized use of building roofs and fire escapes have tragically led to several fatal falls in New York City in recent years.

Property owners and tenants should observe the following safety rules:

- Do not access building rooftops to watch the fireworks, unless the rooftop has an approved deck or other approved space for gatherings
- Do not gather to watch the fireworks on fire escapes, which are not designed nor meant to be used as a balcony
- Do not overcrowd terraces, balconies or legal rooftop spaces
- Do not prop open emergency doors, or disable door alarms leading to rooftop areas of a building that are not meant to be legally occupied
- Do not lean out of a window, over an edge, a parapet wall or over a railing for a better view
- Avoid approaching any building edge that is not protected by a wall or railing

Property owners are legally obligated to maintain their properties in a safe condition. New Yorkers are encouraged to call 311 to report unsafe building conditions to the Department, and call 911 to report emergencies.

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