

Buildings news update

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NYC Construction Safety Report Released



Documenting construction safety trends in NYC is a vital step toward diagnosing issues in the construction industry and coming up with solutions. DOB released its second-annual NYC Construction Safety Report to the public last week, in part to show where work site incidents are occurring and why.

Inside our new report you'll find a comprehensive review of safety trends, building construction data, worker incidents, and Department-issued enforcement actions taken over the past year, as well as info on how that stacks up to previous years.

The 2021 report shows that building construction-related incidents have declined for the third year in a row, despite an increase in overall construction activity in NYC.

Read the [Full 2021 Report](#) and our [Press Release](#) today.

Read more about the report in [Construction Dive](#), [Engineering News-Record](#), [The Real Deal](#), and [The Daily News](#).

Extensions Available for Gas Piping Inspections



An amendment to Local Law 152 of 2016 now allows building owners to receive a 180-day extension for the inspection of their building's gas piping system and submission of the Gas Piping System Periodic Inspection Certification form.

As of March 22nd, 2022, requests for 180-day extensions can be submitted to DOB through the [this online portal](#). The option to submit an extension request is under Location Information.

Learn more by reading our [Service Update here](#).

[Visit our website for more information about periodic gas piping system inspections.](#)

Elevator Industry Licensing Requirements



There are over 70,000 passenger elevators in our vertical city, and thousands more non-passenger elevator devices.

To ensure that work on elevators in our City is conducted in a safe manner, the New York State Elevator Safety Act requires that all elevator workers hold licensing from both New York City and the State of New York as of January 1st, 2022.

DOB elevator inspectors will be checking during field visits that all elevator Technicians and Helpers have the appropriate Elevator Agency Technician License or Helper Registration Card. Failure to produce the required license or Registration Card during a DOB inspection will result in the issuance of a summons to the permit holder.

[Read the full-Service Notice Here.](#)

[Read our November 2021 Service Notice](#) for additional information on elevator license requirements.

[Visit our website for more information on obtaining a license.](#)

Site Safety Plan Submissions



Until Further Notice, Site Safety Plans for General Construction (GC) and Foundation (FO) jobs in DOB NOW can be submitted by email to DOB's Construction Safety Compliance (CSC) Plan Examination Unit before the job is approved.

The CSC Plan Examination Unit will provide approved plans by email that will then need to be uploaded in DOB NOW: *Build* as a Site Safety request to proceed with permit.

[Read the Service Notice Here.](#)

Upcoming Buildings Events



Additional dates for our online Live Q&A Sessions and online Industry Meetings have been posted for the months of April and May.

Every week, DOB holds these free, borough-specific events for industry professionals and members of the public, which are a great opportunity to get your job-specific and regulation questions answered from the comfort of your own home.

Thousands of your colleagues have already attended these live online meetings. Sign up today to reserve your spot for the next online session.

[Check out our full calendar of upcoming events.](#)

Amusement Ride Inspections



Spring is here, and that means amusement ride inspections are being performed around the City by the dedicated inspectors of DOB's Elevator Unit.

News 12 Brooklyn and amNewYork recently joined our inspectors during amusement ride inspections at Deno's Wonder Wheel in Coney Island, Brooklyn to learn about the process.

[Watch the News 12 story here.](#)

[Read the amNewYork story here.](#)

Reminder that DOB has a [new inspection request process for temporary amusement devices](#) in DOB NOW: *Safety*.

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