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New Electronic Notification of Laminated Wood I-Beams to FDNY

Effective July 1, the Buildings Department will electronically notify the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) regarding intended and certified use of Laminated Wood I-Beams. This notification is essential for the safety of FDNY first responders. Read the [service announcement](#) (30 kb-pdf) for more information.

Guide to Safe Swimming Pool Installations

The Department of Buildings wants to ensure a safe summer season for all New Yorkers. Private swimming pools are a great way to beat the heat, but there are safety precautions to prevent dangerous situations. The New York City Building Code regulates the installation of swimming pools in residential zoning districts. There are specific fence and gate requirements that must be followed. For more information, view the Building Knowledge brochure on [Installing Swimming Pools, Decks and Porches](#) (438 kb-pdf) and the [service announcement](#) (53 kb-pdf). For more Building Knowledge brochures, click on [Building Knowledge Series](#) under [Guides & Publications](#).

Buildings and BIANY Team Up to Host Educational Seminars

Over the past month, representatives from the Buildings Department gave three separate educational presentations to members of the Building Industry Association of New York (BIANY). [Presentation](#) (359 kb-pdf) topics included information on pre-filing and application filing, forms, dry-well inspections, the plan examination process and the agency's improved website (www.nyc.gov/buildings). View [photos](#) from the event.

New Housing New York Legacy Project Design Competition

On Monday, June 12, Buildings Commissioner Patricia Lancaster participated in the kick-off for the New Housing New York Design competition. The competition is sponsored by New Housing New York (NHNY), the American Institute of Architects (AIA) New York Chapter, the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) and the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). The Legacy Project will be the first built project as a result

of the NHNY Design Ideas Competition of 2004. It presents an opportunity for architects and developers to partner on a design competition for an affordable, sustainable, 150-unit, mixed-income housing development in the South Bronx. View [photos](#) from the event.

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