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What's New?



Spotlight on Cranes and Derricks

The [Cranes and Derricks](#) unit is an integral part of the New York City Department of Buildings. The Unit oversees the design, installation and safe operation of equipment used for hoisting or lifting purposes throughout the five boroughs. Our website is an excellent resource for information regarding Cranes and Derricks policies, procedure guides and for obtaining required forms for filing applications.

Cranes and Derricks has recently created a user-friendly [application guide](#) (65 kb-pdf) to make the Temporary Certificate of Approval/Operations (TCAO) application process easier for our customers. The guide includes instructions for filling out the appropriate application forms, lists of required documents, guidelines for revising returned applications, and a special section on how to obtain an extension on existing TCAOs.

In addition, the Unit published a [service announcement](#) (45 kb-pdf) detailing the information required for Crane Notice (CN) applications and is also creating a new Mast Climbers Advisory Council. The deadline to apply for membership is September 8, 2006. Read the [memo](#) (36 kb-pdf) for more information.

To learn more about the [Cranes and Derricks](#) unit, view a [presentation](#) (1,209 kb-pdf) on their functions.

Important Information Regarding Reinstatement Fees

Did you know that you may be required to pay a reinstatement fee for a BIS job if it is not completed prior to the expiration date? Once a plan, permit or application expires, it is no longer valid and reinstatement fees may be required. View the [service notice](#) (34 kb-pdf) for more information.



New Searches Available on BISWeb

BISWeb, the Buildings Information System on the Internet, contains complaint, violation, permit and inspection information records for over 950,000 properties throughout the five boroughs. The Buildings Department has recently enhanced BISWeb so that you can now search for permits by licensed professional or by various contractor categories. View the [fact sheet](#) (51 kb-pdf) for the easy steps to performing the new search.

Sign Regulations for Construction Fences

The Buildings Department has published a one-page guide to clarify regulations regarding signage on construction fences. The rules for signage on construction fences are different from sidewalk sheds and scaffolding. Read the [guide](#) for more information.

Buildings Around Town

Home Improvement Contracting Forum

On August 3, 2006, representatives from the Buildings Department attended the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Home Improvement Contracting (HIC) Forum in Brooklyn. The DCA-sponsored event was open to the public and geared to help homeowners and contractors learn more about DCA's HIC licensing requirements and various rules governing plumbing and electrical work within the five boroughs. Buildings Department and other agency representatives were on hand to answer questions. View [photos](#) from the event.

Did You Know?

Did you know that beginning Monday, August 14th, all Place of Assembly permit job applications must be filed using the new [PA-1 form](#)? For details on the filing process and the new look of the Place of Assembly permit, view the [website](#).

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