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What's New?



Buildings Launches Safety Campaign

On Wednesday, October 18, 2006, the Department of Buildings launched a new construction safety outreach campaign to reinforce existing safety rules and regulations to all industry members. The two-month outreach campaign kicked off with a mass mailing to general contractors and licensed riggers, and is part of a larger ongoing effort to enhance the Agency's safety strategies. To learn more about this campaign, view today's [press release](#). For more safety information,

view the new [Excavation Rule 52](#) (33 kb-pdf), and tips on [Safe Underpinning Practices](#), [Suspended Scaffold Safety](#) and [Tower Crane Safety](#).

Training & Workshops



Cranes & Derricks Open House - November 9th

Because we're dedicated to safety, the Cranes and Derricks unit is opening its doors to another industry information session on Thursday, November 9th. Our experts will walk you through the various functions and policies for the operation of cranes and derricks throughout the five boroughs. Space is limited and reservations are required. Please make your reservations by November 6th and view the [flyer](#) (40 kb-pdf) for more event details.

Sustainable Energy and Electrical Protection Workshop

Join us on October 27th for a one hour workshop to learn about how to decrease operating costs in our existing power distribution system, evaluate power for renewable energy and the environmental impact of inefficient power. Reservations are required. View the [flyer](#) (53 kb-pdf) for more information.

The 23rd Professional Technical Forum

On October 26th, the Buildings Department will host the New York Society of Architects (NYSA) 23rd Professional Technical Forum. This session will provide insight into the understanding of the Landmarks Preservation Commission's rules and procedures. Seating is limited and reservations are required. View the [NYSA flyer](#) (28 kb-pdf) for more information.

New Electrical Application Training

Effective October 19th, a new electrical application ([ED-16A](#)) will be accepted in all five borough offices. To ensure your application is always accepted, join us for a free public training session that will review the various sections of the new application.

When: Thursday, October 19th

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Location: 280 Broadway, 6th Floor Training Room
New York, NY 10007

Buildings Around Town

New York City Responds

Buildings Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster and other City officials joined Mayor Bloomberg on Wednesday, October 11th at the upper east side condominium where a small plane crashed into the building. Mayor Bloomberg praised the response of city officials by saying “The Office of Emergency Management has run drill after drill after drill, and has sat with both [the Police and the Fire Department] to make sure that when we have to work together, we know what each person’s and each agency’s responsibility is. And they did exactly what they were supposed to do.” View a [photo](#) from the press conference.

Did You Know?

Did you know that you can help manage your heating costs by ensuring your building is ready for the winter months ahead? To help you get ready, read some of our [winter tips for keeping buildings warm and safe](#).

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