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What's New

Mayor Announces Implementation of Scaffold Task Force Recommendations



Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg today announced the first step in the City's plan to better protect workers on scaffolds, based on the recommendations of the Suspended Scaffold Worker Safety Task Force. Over the next four years the City will invest \$6 million dollars in implementing these recommendations, with \$4 million dedicated to the creation of a new scaffold safety unit within the Department of Buildings. The Unit will be comprised of inspectors, analysts and legal support and will conduct proactive, focused

inspections of scaffolds in New York City. See the [press release](#) for information about today's announcement, [Steps to Safety](#) (772 kb-pdf), the report of recommendations from the Task Force, or our [fact sheet](#) (37 kb-pdf) on the effort.

Buildings & Finance Team Up to Combat SWO Violations



To deter owners and contractors from violating stop work orders (SWO), Buildings and the Department of Finance have teamed up to create a Stop Work Order Patrol, a team of Buildings inspectors and City sheriffs who proactively inspect sites where Stop Work Orders are in effect. In addition to this new interagency effort, recent legislation has been enacted that increases penalties for violating a SWO. View the [service notice](#) (24 kb-pdf) for more information.

Civil Penalties Increased for Working Without Permit

Recent legislation has been enacted to increase civil penalties for Work Without a Permit violations. View the [service notice](#) (25 kb-pdf) for more information.

New Requirements for CN and Outrigger Beam Applications

Effective immediately, amendments and revisions to previously approved 2005 Cranes and Derricks on-site inspection applications ([CD-4](#)) and outrigger beam notification applications ([CD-5](#)) will no longer be accepted. Instead, new complete stand-alone 2007 applications with one copy of the approved 2005 application, including all amendments, letters and calculations must be submitted. View the [service notice](#) (31 kb-pdf) for more information on the CD-4 application requirements.

Builders Pavement Plan Authorization (BPP-5) Requirements

When dropping off the Builders Pavement Plan Authorization form ([BPP-5](#)), please be sure to:

- Microfilm all plans prior to drop-off
- Submit photos of new building exteriors and unobstructed photos of roadways
- Sign and professionally seal the BPP-5

Public Hearing for Proposed Rule 48

A public hearing will be held March 1, 2007 to discuss Rule 48, the Construction Superintendent Rule. The proposed rule is intended to promote public safety by assuring construction sites are supervised by qualified people with the appropriate knowledge of construction and risk prevention. Join us on Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at 280 Broadway in the 3rd floor conference room. View text of [proposed Rule 48](#) (66 kb-pdf).

Buildings Around Town

2007 and Beyond

On January 29th and February 5th, Buildings hosted annual inspectorial and plan examiner meetings. Buildings Inspectors and Plan Examiners from all five boroughs were brought together to review progress of the year past and new initiatives for 2007. Projects discussed included the submission of the model code to the City Council, B-FIRST, which will put handheld computers in the field, B-SCAN, where 320,000 documents will be scanned and available online, and new career development resources available for all staff. View [photos](#) from the event.

Reminders

Upcoming Deadline



The [Local Law 11/98 Facade Inspection](#) deadline is February 21, 2007 and will not be extended. All LL 11/98 Facade Reports must be submitted to the Department of Buildings by the deadline. Don't wait until the deadline. File today!

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