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What's New

Construction Safety Week - May 1 - 4, 2007



On May 1, 2007, Buildings is launching Construction Safety Week, a series of events and educational forums aimed at fostering awareness of safe and compliant construction practices. Join us to learn about home improvement, controlled demolitions, structural assessments and safety provisions in the proposed NYC Construction Codes. Construction Safety Week highlights:

- **Homeowners' Night: What Homeowners Need to Know About Construction and Home Improvement Contractors**

On Tuesday, May 1, 2007, the Department will host a special Homeowners' Night in each of our five [Borough Offices](#) from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Join us to learn about renovations and Home Improvement Contractors and meet with our experts for one-on-one discussions. No reservations required.

- **Safety First: Demolition in Urban Environments**

On Wednesday, May 2, 2007, the Department, along with Cornell University, will host an educational forum for contractors on safe demolition practices. Join us from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Uris Auditorium at Cornell University, 1300 York Avenue, to hear from our top forensic engineers and demolition experts in the field. This event is free of charge. Reservations are required.

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- **Structural Condition Assessments: The Challenges and the Solutions**

On Thursday, May 3, 2007, the Department, American Institute of Architects and Structural Engineers Association of New York, will host a forum on engineering and legal considerations related to the assessments of buildings. Join us from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Center for Architecture, 536 LaGuardia Place. CES LUs: 1.5, CES HSW: 1.5. Reservations are required. **Register at:** www.aiany.org/calendar

- **Safety Front and Center: The New NYC Construction Codes**

On Friday, May 4, 2007, the Department, International Code Council and Hunter College will host a forum on the new safety provisions in the proposed [NYC Construction Codes](#). Join us from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Hunter College in the Hunter West Building (Room 217), Lexington Avenue at 68th Street. This event is free of charge. Reservations are required.

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For a complete list of events and updates about [Construction Safety Week](#), visit our website at www.nyc.gov/buildings.



To Launch in Staten Island

As part of Commissioner Lancaster's [2006 - 2009 Strategic Plan](#) (2,746 kb-pdf), and our efforts to make it easier for you to access our records, Buildings is launching its first rollout of [B-SCAN](#), an initiative that will scan documents associated with job applications for online retrieval via [BISWeb](#). To ensure a smooth transition for both staff and customers, B-SCAN will be rolled out borough-by-borough, beginning with Staten Island on April 30, 2007. Stay tuned for more information.

Electrical Pre-filing Phase Out

With the addition of improved technology and new services such as [eFiling](#), pre-filing for Electrical permits is being phased out. As of April 30, 2007, instead of electrical pre-filing please submit a permit application by using one of the following methods: [eFiling](#), in person, or by mail. View the [service announcement](#) (32 kb-pdf) for more information. Not yet registered for eFiling? [Register now](#).

Buildings Around Town

150th Anniversary of the American Institute of Architects

On Friday, April 13, 2007, Buildings Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster celebrated the 150th anniversary of the [American Institute of Architects](#) (AIA). Among other events, the Commissioner participated in the unveiling of a plaque re-installed at 111 Broadway, the site where the AIA founders held their first meeting. View [photos](#) from the event.

Mayor Bloomberg Signs Bills Enhancing Safety for Scaffold Workers

On Tuesday, April 17, 2007, Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster joined Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg as he signed three bills aimed at enhancing safety for suspended scaffold workers. The new legislation is the result of the recommendations made by the [Scaffold Safety Worker Task Force](#), a group created by the Administration to develop concrete steps to minimize suspended scaffold-related injuries and develop outreach strategies to inform workers of safe

practices. View the Mayor's [remarks](#) at the ceremony or watch the video (in [56k](#) or [300k](#)) and [photos](#) from the event.

Reminders

Public Hearing for Proposed Rule 19-04

A public hearing on [proposed rule 19-04](#) (34 kb-pdf), is taking place tomorrow, April 19, 2007 at 280 Broadway, 3rd floor Conference Room at 1:00 p.m. The proposed amendment expands the authority of the Master Plumber and Master Fire Suppression Piping Contractor License Board, to allow the Department to grant and deny applications for Master Plumber and Master Fire Suppression Piping Contractor licenses more effectively.

Did You Know?

Did you know you can schedule [construction inspection appointments](#) via the Internet? The online application allows you to electronically submit requests directly to the Borough Office where your construction job was filed. Visit the [Forms - Appointments](#) section of our website to schedule your next construction inspection now! View the [service announcement](#) (93 kb-pdf) for more information.

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