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What's New

Construction Safety Week - May 1 - 4, 2007



On May 1, 2007, Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster kicked-off [Construction Safety Week](#) with an update on the progress of the [Scaffold Safety Task Force](#) (44 kb-pdf) and announced an alliance with [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) (OSHA) to work cooperatively to address construction hazards throughout New York City. For more information, view the [press release](#).

Additionally, today, May 2, 2007, officials from the [Buildings Department](#), the [Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs](#) and [OSHA](#) teamed up to meet with workers in Bay Parkway, Brooklyn to discuss safety and training and to distribute bi-lingual informational materials. For more information, view the [press release](#).

Join us during the final days of [Construction Safety Week](#) to learn about controlled structural assessments and safety provisions in the [proposed New NYC Construction Codes](#). Reservations are required, so [register today!](#)

B-SCAN Launches in Staten Island



On Monday, April 30, 2007, the Staten Island Borough Office launched the Buildings-Scan and Capture Application Network ([B-SCAN](#)) document management system! [B-SCAN](#) scans

most of the content of job folders (other than building plans), for electronic processing, storage and online retrieval of documents associated with New Building and Alteration job filing applications. View the [press release](#) and the [fact sheet](#) (44 kb-pdf) for information on this new initiative.


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New Feature

As part of the Suspended Scaffold Worker Safety Task Force recommendations, a new user-friendly button has been added to our website to make it easier for you to look up information on New York City licensees. Enter the name, business name or license number and select the trade and you will get all the information on the contractor's license status, insurance information and business address. This new License search engine is an extension of the Department's Building Information System ([BIS](#)).

Stop Work Order Patrol Expanded to Brooklyn



On April 30, 2007, Buildings and the Department of Finance expanded the Stop Work Order Patrol initiative to Brooklyn. The Stop Work Order Patrol is a team of Buildings inspectors and City sheriffs who proactively monitor and inspect sites where Stop Work Orders are in effect. For more information on stop work orders, view the [press release](#) and [service notice](#) (44 kb-pdf) about the increased penalty for violations.

Training & Workshops

Queens AIA Monthly Meeting



On Tuesday, May 8, 2007, the American Institute of Architects will host a presentation on new zoning changes and issues. Seating is limited; reserve your seats today. View the [flyer](#) (363 kb-pdf) for more information.

Alteration Repair Application Workshop

On Thursday, May 17th and Thursday May 24th, the Department of Buildings is offering a workshop on the recently revised Alteration Repair Applications ([ARA-1](#)) Form and the filing procedures associated with the new form. View the [flyer](#) (39 kb-pdf) for more information, and join us on:

Thursday, May 17th or Thursday, May 24th
280 Broadway, 6th Floor Training Room
10:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Did You Know?

Did you know the Buildings Department is recruiting inspectors for a new Scaffold Safety Unit? The new Scaffold Safety Team will be comprised of inspectors, analysts and legal support and will conduct proactive, focused inspections of scaffolds in New York City. Interested in applying? View the [job postings](#), [press release](#) or the [fact sheet](#) (37 kb-pdf) on this effort.

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