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What's New

New Energy Code Requirements



To create a cleaner and more efficient New York City, beginning September 4, 2007, the Buildings Department will require all New Building and Alteration Type-1 applications to include new documents that demonstrate compliance with the [Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York State](#) (ECCCNYS). In addition to the professional statement of compliance that is already required, applicants will need to provide an Energy Analysis and demonstrate in the drawing set how the information outlined in the Energy Analysis will be used. View the [fact sheet](#) (28 kb-pdf) to learn more about these new required items or visit our [website](#) for guidelines on complying with ECCCNYS.

Queens Borough Office to Launch B-SCAN

Making it Easier



On September 10, 2007, the Queens Borough Office will launch the Buildings Scan and Capture Application Network ([B-SCAN](#)) document management system. Scanning virtually all contents of a job folder (with the exception of plans and objections) for the electronic processing, B-SCAN facilitates the storage and online retrieval of documents associated with New Building and Alteration applications. View the [fact sheet](#) (35 kb-pdf) for more information about this exciting initiative.

New Rigging Foreman "Tear-Off" Cards Introduced

Dedicated to Safety



Implementing recommendations from the Suspended Scaffold Worker Safety Task Force, we have redesigned the "tear-off" card required for rigging foreman in the field. The new card is more durable and personalized to include the name of the rigging foreman. View the [service announcement](#) (56 kb-pdf) for more information on how to obtain the new and improved cards.

New Elevator Permit Posting Requirement

Information You Need To Know



To increase the transparency and standardization of elevator permits, beginning September 10, 2007, the Buildings Department will require all new elevator permits be posted so they are visible to the public. Elevator permits must also remain posted until the work has been completed and signed-off. View the [service announcement](#) (23 kb-pdf) for more information.

Buildings Around Town

Commissioner Delivers Scaffold Safety Progress Report



On August 17, 2007, Buildings Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster provided a progress report on the City's strategic plan to protect workers on scaffolds. Adopted by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg in February 2007, the plan outlines measures to enhance enforcement, worker outreach, and training procedures in order to ensure the safety of workers and the public. Commissioner Lancaster delivered the progress report after a visit to [El Centro de Hospitalidad](#) in the Port

Richmond section of Staten Island, where officials and staff distributed literature on safe practices and requirements to workers. For more information, view the [press release](#), [progress report](#) (36 kb-pdf), and a [photo](#) from the event.

Reminders

Last Chance For No Penalty Retaining Wall Inspections!

Dedicated to Safety



Take advantage of our "No Penalty" Retaining Wall Inspection Program before it ends on September 3, 2007! For the duration of the inspection program, homeowners may call 311 and request a visual examination of their private retaining wall by a Buildings Department inspector. Under the "No Penalty" program, violations will not be issued for the condition of the retaining wall. View the [press release](#) for more information about the program. To learn more about [retaining](#)

[walls](#) (709 kb-pdf) visit our website at www.nyc.gov/buildings.

Renew Your Electrical License Today!

Information You Need To Know

Has your 2007 birthday passed? Is there a credit on your firm account or does it have a zero balance? If so, you can now renew your electrical license early. Take advantage of this opportunity and renew your license to be valid until your 2008 birthday. View the [service announcement](#) (28 kb-pdf) to learn how to beat the rush and renew your electrical license now.

Local Law 10/81 Deadline Approaching For Elevators & Escalators

Information You Need To Know

If your building has one or more elevators and/or escalators, you must have them inspected by September 15, 2007 and file an inspection report with the Department of Buildings by October 1, 2007. For questions, please contact the Buildings Department's [Elevator Division](#).

Did You Know?

Did you know that since [B-SCAN](#) was launched on April 30, 2007 in Staten Island, the Staten Island Borough Office has scanned over 10,000 documents?

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