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## What's New

### Commissioner Delivers Progress Report on Scaffold Safety



On Thursday, January 24, 2008, Buildings Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster provided a [progress report](#) (37 kb-pdf) on the City's strategic plan to protect workers on scaffolds. While delivering the progress report to the [Scaffold Worker Safety Task Force](#) at its quarterly meeting, the Buildings Department announced that 12 of the 13 [recommendations](#) (1,671 kb-pdf) adopted by Mayor

Bloomberg in February 2007 have been implemented. The progress report was delivered following an outreach event in the Bronx where Commissioner Lancaster joined Immigrant Affairs Commissioner Guillermo Linares, Compliance Assistance Specialist Beatriz Cabrera-Wich of the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and Executive Director of the Latin American Workers' Project Oscar Paredes to speak with workers about steps they can take to stay safe on the job. View the [press release](#) and [photos](#) from the event.

### Code Compass: Special Inspections

Information You Need To Know



The Buildings Department has established qualifications and standards clarifying and enhancing certain inspections required during construction. Commonly referred to as "controlled inspections" today, these inspections will evolve into "special inspections" under the [New NYC Construction Codes](#). The Buildings Department intends to mandate, as of July 1, 2008, that all special inspections must be conducted by a qualified Special Inspection Agency that is registered with Buildings to conduct specified inspections and employ special inspectors. To learn more, view the Special Inspections [fact sheet](#) (178 kb-pdf).



## Will No Longer Capture Color

### Information You Need To Know

Because the [B-SCAN](#) system will no longer capture color, beginning February 11, all B-SCAN documents must be printed on plain white paper and type-written using blue or black ink, including signatures, to ensure they are accepted. For more information about this change, please view the [service announcement](#) (32 kb-pdf).

## New Schedule A and Schedule B Forms

### Making It Easier

On February 5, we will introduce revised Schedule A and B forms. To ensure an easy transition, the Buildings Department will accept the new and old versions of these forms until February 29; thereafter, only the newly-revised forms will be accepted. View the [service announcement](#) (35 kb-pdf) for more information.

## Training & Workshops

### eFiling Public Information Sessions

#### Making It Easier



To ease the transition from PC Filing to eFiling, the Buildings Department will be offering citywide eFiling Public Information Sessions. These workshops will provide an overview of the expanded eFiling system and provide an opportunity for you to ask questions. If you only attend one eFiling training session, this is the one you shouldn't miss! View the [service announcement](#) (29 kb-pdf) for more information.

## Reminder

### eFiling Trial Available February 5

#### Information You Need To Know



On February 5, 2008, a trial version of the [expanded eFiling system](#) (187 kb-pdf) will be available to prepare PW-1 forms. After completing the PW-1 online, eFiling will generate a set of completed forms for applicants to print, just as PC Filing does today. Applicants must then add their appropriate signatures and seals to these documents and submit the application with any other filing requirements at a borough office. Until the full eFiling launch on February 19, the borough offices will manually enter these applications. Read more -- it's as easy as [1, 2, 3](#) (282 kb-pdf)!

## Last Day to Use Old PW-1 Form Approaching

### Information You Need To Know

February 8 will be the last day applicants may use the former PW-1 for filings. After this date, applicants must use the new PW-1 or PC Filing. If errors are found in an application manually filed with the old PW-1, the errors must be fully corrected, submitted and finished at Data Entry And Research (DEAR) by February 15 to avoid having to re-submit the application using the [new PW-1 Form](#).

## Did You Know?

Did you know that you can view chapters from the new building code on our website? Visit the [NYC Construction Codes](#) section of our website to read the [chapters](#) and to learn more about the [New NYC Construction Codes](#).

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