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What's New

New Safety Measures for Demolition and Abatement Operations



On July 16, Mayor Bloomberg along with the Buildings, Fire and Environmental Protection Departments announced a series of changes in the way demolition and abatement operations are regulated and carried out in New York City. Outlined in the [report](#) (1,145 pdf) *Strengthening the Safety, Oversight and Coordination of Construction, Demolition and Abatement Operations*, these changes strengthen inspection practices, increase notifications

and enhance data-sharing between agencies to improve the safety of abatement and demolition operations. To learn more, view the Mayor's Office [press release](#).

City Performs Unannounced Inspections of Cranes

Dedicated to Safety

On Friday, July 25, Department of Investigation Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn and Acting Buildings Commissioner Robert LiMandri announced that investigators from both agencies conducted unannounced spot checks of mobile and tower cranes across the City to verify that individuals operating the cranes were properly licensed. All of the crane operators were found to have the proper license. To learn more, view the Department of Investigation [press release](#).

New Procedures for Renewing Certain Licenses

Information You Need To Know

All licensed Hoist Machine Operators, Master Riggers and Tower Crane Riggers seeking to renew their licenses must follow a two-step license renewal process and schedule an appointment in person to obtain the renewed license. This new procedure applies to all license renewals postmarked on or after July 1, 2008. View the [Fact Sheet](#) (kb-pdf), [Hoist Machine Operators Guide](#), [Master Riggers Guide](#) and [Tower Crane Riggers Guide](#) for more information.

Update on Ordinary Plumbing Work

Making It Easier

To streamline our permitting process, Licensed Master Plumbers now no longer need a permit to conduct some ordinary plumbing work. Instead, Licensed Master Plumbers performing minor work and repairs are required to submit a monthly report ([OP128](#)) to the Department. The

monthly report must include detailed information about the work being performed. To learn more, view the New Ordinary Plumbing Reports [fact sheet](#) (37 kb-pdf).

FAQs for New PW3 Requirements

Information You Need To Know

To make it easier to verify the cost of construction of any alteration work, the Department has revised the [PW3](#) form to require more detailed information. Beginning Monday, August 4, only the new PW3 will be accepted at Initial Filing for all Prior to Approval Actions, Post Approval Amendments and to obtain sign-off. For more information on this transition, view our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (26 kb-pdf).

Code Compass: New Requirements for Tenant Protection Plans

Information You Need To Know



A Tenant Protection Plan provides details of the dwelling units that will be occupied during construction, including the means and methods that will safeguard the safety and health of occupants. The [New NYC Construction Codes](#) enhance the Tenant Protection Plan by requiring compliance with lead and asbestos regulations, as well as noise compliance during hours of construction. View Section [28-104.8.4](#) (1,077 kb-pdf) of the Administrative Code for more information.

Did You Know?



Did you know that applications with a D status date prior to June 30, 2008 should use the former Schedule A and former occupancy codes? Those applications will use the 1968 designations for the life of the job. All new applications not completed at DEAR before June 30, 2008 must use the new Schedule A. Both versions of the Schedule A are available online for this purpose. To learn more, view the Filing Amendments [fact sheet](#) (33 kb-pdf).

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