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## BUILDINGS NEWS

### What's New

#### General Contractor Registration



Beginning November 1, 2008, all one-, two- and three-family home general contractors, including contractors who already have a tracking number, must be [registered](#) with the Licensing Unit to obtain a new building permit. Unregistered individuals or entities found building one-, two- or three-family homes after the registration deadline will be subject to violations, Stop Work Orders, criminal charges and the seizure

of vehicles and construction tools. For more information:

- View the Registration [Fact Sheet](#) (pdf)
- View the "[How to search for a General Contract in BISWeb](#)" guide (pdf)
- View the General Contractors [FAQs](#) (pdf)
- View the General Contractor [Renewal Fact Sheet](#) (pdf)

#### Buildings Department Hosts International Crane Conference

Dedicated to Safety



On October 16, Buildings Commissioner Robert LiMandri [hosted an international conference](#) on crane safety with more than 50 construction and public safety experts from the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom to discuss crane safety protocols around the world. Held at the Department's headquarters in Lower Manhattan, the conference was the first of its kind in the country and serves as a major step forward in developing an ongoing worldwide dialogue among

responsible parties in the crane industry, including government regulators, crane owners, manufacturers, operators, contractors, engineers and riggers. View [photos](#) from the event.

## New Regulations for HMO Class C Licenses

### Information You Need To Know

On October 6, Commissioner LiMandri announced [strict new criteria](#) for individuals seeking to operate Class C hoist machines, also known as mobile cranes. As part of these new regulations, applicants must obtain certification from the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO). To assist with these new regulations, the Department has created a [fact sheet](#) (pdf) that details information about obtaining NCCCO certification.

## New Requirements for Elevator Inspections

### Information You Need To Know

To enhance elevator safety, the Department introduced several changes for elevator inspections with the implementation of the New NYC Construction Codes. Beginning January 1, 2009, elevator inspections [must comply with more stringent requirements](#) (pdf), including keeping a maintenance log and maintenance contractor record updated and readily available for all passenger elevators as well as following a new filing process.

## Buildings Around Town

### Commissioner Keynotes BOMA/NY Event



On October 15, Commissioner LiMandri delivered the keynote address at the [Building Owners and Managers Association of Greater New York's](#) Annual Conference. The topic of the conference was "Codes & Regulations/Government Affairs." At the event, Commissioner LiMandri discussed ways to make construction safer and recent Department initiatives including its [Special Enforcement Plan](#), [new crane](#)

[regulations](#) and its [\\$4 million investment](#) to study high risk construction operations.

## Did You Know?



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