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## BUILDINGS NEWS

### What's New

#### Important Changes Coming in January

## UPCOMING CHANGES

There are several important changes that take effect in January. Many of these changes are designed to enhance construction site safety and may affect how you do business with the Department.

#### Effective January 1, 2009:

- A [concrete safety manager](#) (PDF) must be designated on all "major buildings" (as defined by Local Law 40 of 2008) during the concrete portion of the project. Registration will not be required until July 1, 2009.
- A [new boiler annual inspection cycle](#) (PDF) begins.
- The [new filing representative identification cards](#) (PDF) will be required to do business with the Department.
- Master and Special Rigger, Master and Special Sign Hanger and Tower Crane Rigger licenses [will be extended](#) (PDF) to three-year terms. Fees for certain licenses also change.
- The updated versions of the [LIC1](#) (Original Licensing Application) and [LIC2](#) (Renewal Application) forms must be used.
- If your job was at approved status as of June 30, 2008, at least one permit for the job must be pulled before January 1, 2009, or you must comply with the NYC Construction

Codes' Special and Progress Inspection requirements and file the new [TR1 form](#).

- A [new inspection and filing process](#) (PDF) must be followed for elevator inspections.

### Effective January 3, 2009:

- [New site safety requirements](#) (PDF), including inspections for vertical netting, adequate sidewalk protection, suitable housekeeping and the maintenance of site safety and permit logs, [must be followed](#) (PDF) on all high-rise construction sites.

To learn more about any of these changes, please view the "[Important Changes Coming January 2009](#)" page on our website.

## Department Hosts Crane Manufacturers Conference

Dedicated to Safety



On December 16, Buildings Commissioner Robert LiMandri [hosted a conference with 10 major crane manufacturers](#) on the safety and maintenance of tower and mobile cranes. At the Department's Manhattan headquarters, manufacturers from Germany, Japan, Malaysia and the United States gathered to discuss ways to improve crane safety, implement new technologies to track cranes across jurisdictional

borders and develop maintenance and repair records for the life of the equipment.

## Standpipe Systems: Temporary Permits

Information You Need To Know

Limited Alteration Applications to work on a standpipe system of a building exceeding 75 feet in height that are submitted by a licensed contractor and approved by the Department may serve as a [temporary permit](#) until the plans and corresponding applications are filed and approved.

## New Single Room Occupancy Required Item

Information You Need To Know

Beginning February 2, 2009, applicants seeking to alter or demolish a Single Room Occupancy multiple dwelling [must comply](#) (PDF) with a new required item on all applications that have not yet reached approved status. This new required item, titled "[SRO MD Anti-Harassment Checklist](#) (HPD3 form)," assists applicants in determining whether a Certificate of No Harassment from the Department of Housing Preservation and Development is required. The required item does not apply to Alteration Type 3 applications for sheds, fences or curb cuts.

## Elevator Inspections Under the New Codes

Information You Need To Know

With the increased elevator inspection and filing requirements put in place by the New [NYC Construction Codes](#), the Department is allowing inspectors who have obtained Qualified Elevator Inspector (QEI) certification but are not department-licensed to perform elevator inspections and tests in calendar year 2009 during this transition. QEI-certified inspectors are individuals who are nationally certified in accordance with ASME QEI-1.

## Retaining Wall Maintenance

### Information You Need To Know

To enforce recently-signed [legislation](#) (PDF), the Buildings Department is developing a rule that will require owners to file the condition of certain retaining walls. Until the rule is written and promulgated, no additional action is necessary. Keep reading [Buildings News](#) for more details in the future.

## PW2 Applicant Update

### Information You Need To Know

Our Buildings Information System (BIS) [now allows](#) (PDF) multiple applicants working under the same contractor to file a PW2 form with a single tracking number. All other information on the PW2 (business name, address, etc.) must match what is on file with the Licensing unit.

## New General Liability Insurance Certificate Required

### Information You Need To Know

Beginning December 22, 2008, the Buildings Department [will only accept](#) (PDF) the ACORD Certificate of Liability Insurance with revision date (2009/01) as proof of general liability insurance. The ACORD 25 with revision date (2001/08) will no longer be accepted.

## Job-specific Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Waivers

### Information You Need To Know

To apply for an exemption from insurance requirements, the Buildings Department only accepts the Certificate of Attestation of Exemption (Form CE-200) as [proof of a waiver](#) (PDF) from the New York State Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Insurance Coverage. The WC/DB-100 is no longer accepted.

## *Buildings Around Town*

### Deputy Commissioner Honored by Law Department



On December 3, Deputy Commissioner for Enforcement & Legal Affairs Phyllis Arnold [was presented](#) with the Dorothy Marie Miner Award for Outstanding Service as Counsel to an Agency by the New York City Law Department. Phyllis has more than 25 years of experience in the practice of law and municipal government and has also served the Department as Deputy Commissioner of Legal Affairs & Chief Code Counsel.

## Reminders

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### General Contractor Registration

Information You Need To Know



All contractors who build one-, two- and three-family homes [must register](#) (PDF) with the Buildings Department in order to obtain a new building permit. View our [how-to guide](#) to learn more.

### Stop Work Order Violation Penalty Waivers

Information You Need To Know

The Department's Buildings Information System (BIS) was recently updated to reflect the [increased penalties](#) (PDF) now in place for Stop Work Order violations.

## Did You Know?

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Did you know that if you have in-depth, technical questions regarding the new elevator inspection requirements you can email our Elevators Unit directly at [elevatordivision@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:elevatordivision@buildings.nyc.gov)?

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