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What's New

Construction Safety Week 2009



Interested in learning how to identify and hire a licensed contractor? Want to know more about the new requirements to operate a mobile crane? These are just some of the informative seminars the Department is hosting as part of the fifth annual [Construction Safety Week](#). All of the seminars are free and open to the public, although some require advanced registration. Visit our website at www.nyc.gov/buildings for more information.

Cranes & Derricks Weekend Permits

Information You Need To Know

The Cranes & Derricks Unit will not issue work permits for cranes with boom lengths longer than 250 feet or perform scheduled inspections on certain [holiday weekends](#) in 2009.

Fees for Expired Plans and Applications

Information You Need To Know

Plans, permits and applications that expire are not considered valid by the Department, and applicants may be required to pay a [reinstatement fee](#) for jobs not completed by the expiration date.

One-Way Emergency Voice Communication

Information You Need To Know

On April 6, 2009, the Department amended [Section 907-01 of Chapter 900](#) of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York regarding one-way emergency voice communications systems. This rule change will become effective May 17, 2009.

Electrical License Fee Changes

Information You Need To Know

Several Master and Special Electrician license fees will increase on April 18, 2009. Applications submitted on or after this date must include the [new fee](#) amount. New fees will also be charged for lost, damaged or stolen cards that must be reissued or replaced.

Reminders

No-Penalty Retaining Wall Inspections



Property owners can now call 3-1-1 and request an inspection of their retaining walls by a Buildings Inspector without penalty of violation. This [program](#) will be offered through June 1, 2009. To learn more about retaining walls, please view our Retaining Walls maintenance [guide](#).

eSubmit Program

Information You Need To Know



Applicants can now submit [more than 200 required items](#) electronically through a new online submission system known as eSubmit. Using an [eFiling](#) account, eSubmit provides

applicants the opportunity to upload certain required items and supporting documents from their home or office. View our eSubmit User [guide](#) for more information.

New Safety Registration Numbers

Dedicated to Safety

Beginning October 1, 2009, individuals and organizations performing or supervising certain construction projects, including new building and demolition jobs, will be required to have a new [Safety Registration Number](#). The Department will begin accepting applications for Safety Registration Numbers in Spring 2009.

Training & Workshops

LAA and OPW Information Session

Information You Need To Know



The Department is offering information sessions on the Limited Alteration Applications (LAA) and the Ordinary Plumbing Work (OPW) notifications. Department experts will review filing procedures and notification service changes. Sessions will be offered from 11:00am to 2:00pm on:

Monday, April 20
Wednesday, April 29
Friday, May 1
Monday, May 4

Sessions will be held in the 6th floor conference room at Department headquarters at 280 Broadway in Manhattan. Seating is limited, and you are encouraged to register if you plan to attend a session.

Please register by April 12, 2009 by emailing laa-pr@buildings.nyc.gov or faxing your registration to (212) 566-5823. Please also email or fax any concerns, comments or questions that you would like addressed.

Licensing Information Sessions

Information You Need To Know

The Department is offering several [information sessions](#) to review licensing and registration requirements. These sessions will discuss registration requirements for contractors, insurance tracking numbers and the new Safety Registration Number. Reservations are required to attend these sessions, and seating is limited.

Did You Know?



Did you know that [update Set #2](#) to the [1968 Building Code](#) is now available at [CityStore](#)? This update includes amendments to July 2008 as well as instructions on how to add, discard and replace pages to the current building code.

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