


NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner of the Department of Buildings by Section 643 of the New York City Charter and in accordance with Section 1043 of the Charter, that the Department of Buildings hereby adopts the amendments to section 3310-01 of Chapter 3300 of Title 1 of the Official Compilation of the Rules of the City of New York, regarding notifications by site safety managers or coordinators.

This rule was first published on July 6, 2010 and a public hearing thereon was held on August 10, 2010.

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New York, New York



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Commissioner

Section 1. Table 1 of subdivision a of section 3310-01 of title 1 of the rules of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

TABLE 1
General inspections

	Requirement	Minimum schedule of inspections
(1)	When a building is being constructed or demolished at a height greater than 75 feet (22.86 m), verify that at least one elevator or personal hoist [with an emergency communication system is in place] <u>in a state of readiness is available for FDNY access.</u>	As appropriate
(2)	When a personnel hoist requires a jump, verify that all necessary permits are obtained and testing performed.	As appropriate
(3)	When a building is being constructed or demolished at a height greater than 75 feet (22.86 m), verify that a standpipe system is available and in readiness at all times for use by the Fire Department.	Daily
	<u>(i) Verify the standpipe is in place at each story below the construction or demolition floor. For the purposes of this section, the construction floor shall be the stripping operation floor, except for steel construction, in which case it shall be the uppermost finished and walkable concrete floor; for demolition the demolition floor shall be the floor being demolished.</u>	<u>Daily</u>
	<u>(ii) Verify that valves are in place at each story below the construction or demolition floor.</u>	Daily
	<u>(iii) Verify that the standpipe is capped.</u>	<u>Daily</u>
	<u>([ii]iv) Verify that standpipes are connected to a water source, as applicable, and a siamese connection.</u>	Daily
	<u>([iii]v) Verify that siamese hose connections are [free from obstruction and are marked by a red light and a sign reading, "Standpipe Siamese Connection.,"] not obstructed.</u>	Daily
	<u>(vi) Verify siamese hose connections are marked by a red light and a sign reading, "Standpipe Siamese Connection."</u>	<u>Daily</u>
	<u>([iv]vii) Verify that no breach exists by visually tracing standpipe risers, cross connections and siamese connections.</u>	Weekly
(4)	If a construction shed is located within 30 feet (9.144 m) of the building, verify that [the construction shed is constructed of noncombustible materials] <u>it meets the requirements of section 3303.1.3 of the building code.</u>	Once per shed
(5)	Verify that interior and exterior guardrails and toeboards are provided and properly installed [to meet the standards described in section 3307.8 of] <u>as required by the building code.</u>	Daily
(6)	Verify that all openings and/or holes in the floor are covered at	Daily

	all times.	
(7)	Verify that all stairwells have standard handrails.	Daily
(8)[.]	Verify that all signs required by section 3301.9 of the building code are installed and contain the required information.	Once per sign

§2. Table 7 of subdivision a of section 3310-01 of title 1 of the rules of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

TABLE 7
Warning signs and lights inspections

	Requirement	Minimum schedule of inspections
(1)	Verify that all areas that are dangerous or hazardous to the public or areas where work is performed near vehicular traffic are appropriately marked with warning signs and lights.	Daily
(2)	Verify that steps necessary to protect the public are taken, including provisions for flagmen/flagwomen whenever intermittent operations are conducted on or across areas open to the public or when dangerous operations, such as blasting, may affect such areas.	Throughout the day, as appropriate[.]

§3. Section 3310-01 of title 1 of the rules of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision d to read as follows:

(d) Notification. The site safety manager or coordinator shall immediately and directly notify the department in accordance with section 3310.8.2 of the building code if he or she discovers in the routine performance of the job any of the conditions listed in section 3310.8.2 or below:

- (i) Required standpipe is not in place at each story below the construction or demolition floor;
- (ii) Required standpipe valve(s) are not in place at each story below the construction or demolition floor;
- (iii) Required standpipe is not capped;
- (iv) Required standpipe is not connected to a water source or siamese connection;
- (v) Required standpipe siamese hose connection(s) is obstructed;
- (vi) Required standpipe siamese hose connections are not marked by a red light and a sign reading, "Standpipe Siamese Connection";
- (vii) A breach exists in the required standpipe risers, cross connections, or siamese connections;
- (viii) The standpipe alarm activates; or
- (ix) When a building over 75 feet (22.86 m) is being constructed or demolished and at least one elevator or hoist in a state of readiness is not available for FDNY access.

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE

The foregoing rule is promulgated pursuant to the authority of the Commissioner of Buildings under Sections 643 and 1043(a) of the New York City Charter.

Site safety managers and coordinators are required to perform regular inspections of construction sites to identify dangers that could pose a risk to public safety. Under chapter 33 of the building code, when a site safety manager or coordinator discovers violations involving the protection of pedestrians, the site safety manager or coordinator is required to immediately report the problem to the department.

This rule clarifies inspection requirements for standpipes and hoists or elevators in readiness, and requires site safety managers and coordinators to immediately report to the department violations involving standpipes and hoists or elevators in readiness to ensure the department is aware of deficiencies or non-compliance involving these essential items.