



CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY
SECURITY GRILLE
VISIBILITY
REQUIREMENTS
2022/PRIOR CODE

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AS REQUIRED BY NYC
YORK CITY LOCAL LAW 75
OF 2009

BACKGROUND

Security grilles, as described in Local Law 75 of 2009 and the New York City Building Code, are horizontal sliding or vertical sliding security grilles that are permitted at the main entrance of an establishment.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW...

Local Law 75 of 2009 requires that no later than July 1, 2026, all existing and new security grilles installed on buildings that are classified in Occupancy Groups B (Business) or M (Mercantile) must have visibility from the sidewalk of at least 70%. This does not apply to security grilles on buildings classified in Occupancy Group S (Storage) or a building designated as a landmark.

Security grilles that have solid-panels or have a visibility from the sidewalk of less than 70% are not allowed and are not in compliance with City laws (see *Figure 1*). Security grilles that have a visibility from the sidewalk of at least 70% are allowed and are in compliance with City laws (see *Figure 2*).



WHAT YOU SHOULD DO...

Owners who have existing or new security grilles installed on their property must verify if the grilles are subject to the Local Law 75 requirements, and if the grille(s) meet all compliance requirements, including the 70% visibility requirement. If an owner is not in compliance, the owner must install or replace the security grille. In addition, the owner must also comply with any other applicable requirements, permits, and must hire a registered design professional as required.

Failure to comply will result in violations and fines, unless the owner corrects the conditions within 90 days of a violation and files a Certificate of Correction with DOB's Administrative Enforcement Unit.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES...

- [Local Law 75 of 2009](#)
- [2022 NYC Administrative Code §28-101.4.3, Exception 10. Security Grilles](#)
- [2022 NYC Building Code Section 1010.1.4.4 Security Grilles](#)
- [Project Checklist for Owners: Storefronts](#)
- [Does my project require a permit?](#)