

Mercantile, Business & Place of Assembly: Before You Begin Your Project

DO

- ✓ **Pre-Project:** Hire a Registered Design Professional, a Professional Engineer (P.E.) or Registered Architect (R.A.), to ensure your project is Code-compliant.
- ☑ Project Plans: Only a Registered Design Professional can submit construction documents, including drawings and other submissions, to the Department, FDNY or any other agency for approval.
- ✓ **Asbestos Investigation**: Have asbestos investigation performed on site to check for Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) that will be removed or disturbed.
- ✓ Project Work: Hire a Licensed/Registered General Contractor to perform the work. When hiring a professional, have a written contract that includes the Contractor's company name, address and license number(s).
- ☑ **DOB: NOW Requirement:** Owner **must** provide their email address to the Department to obtain correspondence, inspections and final sign-off of the project.
- System Commissioning: If your project requires commissioning (all projects where the permitted heating capacity exceeds 600 kBTU/h), ensure that you have a qualified commissioning agent to perform the work.
- ✓ Work Completion: Ensure inspections and sign-offs are performed to close the project permit. If required, commissioning must be filed with the Department prior to sign-off.

DON'T

Work Without a Permit: Do not begin work without a DOB permit. Property Owners and the people performing work without a permit may face violations with penalties, court appearances, and civil or criminal penalties.

NOTE: The Owner of the building/property is ultimately responsible for the project, and their signature/consent is required for submission of the project application by their Design Professional, and Department approval. The Owner may attend plan examination appointments only if accompanied by the Applicant of Record or the Filing Representative.