

An aerial photograph of New York City, showing a dense urban landscape with numerous skyscrapers and buildings. A semi-transparent blue rectangular overlay covers the middle portion of the image, serving as a background for the title text.

LOCAL LAW 196 OF 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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BACKGROUND

- This annual report has been prepared pursuant to Local Law 196 of 2017 ('Local Law 19'), which was passed by the New York City Council on September 27, 2017 and signed by the Mayor on October 16, 2017.
- Fully phased-in on March 1, 2021, Local Law 196 requires that workers at certain job sites receive 40 hours of safety training and supervisors receive 62 hours of safety training.
- The job sites to which Local Law 196 is applicable are sites that are required to designate a Construction Superintendent, Site Safety Coordinator or Site Safety Manager.
- The workers and supervisors to which Local Law 196 is applicable are workers and supervisors who engage in construction or demolition work at the aforementioned sites.

MAJOR IMPLEMENTATION MILESTONES

Local Law 196, as amended by Local Law 119 of 2019, phases-in site safety training requirements in three parts:

- By **March 1, 2018** workers were required to have a minimum of 10 hours of training.
- By **December 1, 2019** workers were required to have a minimum of 30 hours of training and supervisors were required to have 62 hours of training.
- By **March 1, 2021** workers were required to have 40 hours of training. In addition, safety training providers were required to begin offering instruction in the language workers choose.

NOTE: The date by which workers were required to have 40 hours of training was September 1, 2020. On August 27, 2020, the New York City Council passed a bill to extend the date by which workers were required to have 40 hours of training to March 1, 2021.

OUTREACH

The Department has performed and continues to perform extensive outreach to stakeholders ensuring that information regarding site safety training requirements reaches those who need it. Such outreach includes:

- **Visiting Construction Sites.** The Department's Community Engagement Unit and inspectorial units have distributed palm cards regarding Local Law 196 directly to workers at construction sites. These palm cards are available in thirteen languages.
- **Direct mailings.** The Department has conducted multiple mailings to both permit holders and site safety professionals. The mailings informed permit holders that site safety training is required for work that is conducted under their permit. The mailings to site safety professionals, including Construction Superintendents, Site Safety Coordinators, Site Safety Managers and Concrete Safety Managers, reminded them that they must have 62 hours of training by December 1, 2019.

OUTREACH

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- **Creating Online Tools.**

- **Website Updates.** The Department reorganized its website to create content specific to workers, supervisors, employers, and course providers.
- **Site Safety Construction Map.** The Department created a Site Safety Construction Map that identifies construction sites throughout New York City where site safety training is required. This map allows workers to search the job sites where they currently work or where they plan to work to confirm whether the training is required at such sites.
- **Course Provider Map.** The Department created a Course Provider Map, which identifies course providers who offer site safety training throughout New York City. Additionally, workers can find out which languages are supported by course providers who offer training.
- **Training Locations Map.** The Department created a Training Locations Map, which identifies the locations and times courses are offered by course providers.

OUTREACH

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- **Information Sessions.** Since the enactment of Local Law 196, the Department has hosted eighteen information sessions to inform the public about the site safety training requirements. These information sessions were attended by more than 1,000 members of the public.
- **Worker Safety Courses.** In May, the Department held its New York City construction industry conference, [build safe | live safe Digital Conference 2021: Safety, Innovation, & Sustainability](#). This conference included worker safety courses, which familiarized participants with Local Law 196. The courses also included a review of top causes of incidents and accidents to identify potential safety issues and identify prevention methods, and incidents and accidents that might occur while working with cold form steel, excavations, leading-edge, and controlled access zones.
- **Service Notices.** Since the enactment of Local Law 196, the Department has issued at least a dozen Service Notices that provide information to the public regarding the implementation of Local Law 196. These Service Notices are distributed widely, including through Buildings News, our electronic newsletter with a circulation of more than 50,000.

OUTREACH

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- **Advertising.** The Department ran subway ads and multilingual advertisements in community newspapers. Additionally, advertisements appeared on bus stop shelters, and LinkNYC kiosks.
- **Rulemaking.** The Department promulgated a rule to require worker information signs within construction sites that provide information to workers about site safety training in all languages spoken at the site.
- **Social Media.** The Department has been posting Local Law 196 updates on Social Media regularly and will continue doing so.

SITE SAFETY TRAINING WEBPAGE

SST Worker Information

SST Supervisor Information

SST Employer Information

SST Course Provider Information

SST Courses

DOB Approved Courses and Requirements

SST Requirements, Reports & Background

Site Safety Training



SITE SAFETY CONSTRUCTION MAP



WORKER INFORMATION SIGNS

As of December 1, 2019:

- **Workers will not be permitted to work on this site unless they have 30 hours of safety training, demonstrated by an OSHA 30 card, a Limited Site Safety Training Card, or a Site Safety Training Card.**
- **Workers serving as a Site Safety Manager, Site Safety Coordinator, Concrete Safety Manager, Construction Superintendent or a Competent Person, as required by Section 3301.13.12 of the Building Code, will not be permitted to work on this site unless they have 62 hours of safety training, demonstrated by a Supervisor Site Safety Training Card.**

As of September 1, 2020:

- **Workers will not be permitted to work on this site unless they have 40 hours of safety training, demonstrated by a Site Safety Training Card.**

Visit www.nyc.gov/nycsafety or call 311 for more information.

**TO ANONYMOUSLY REPORT UNSAFE CONDITIONS AT THIS WORK SITE,
CALL 311.**

SITE SAFETY TRAINING CARDS

Through September 2021, course providers have issued 118,223 Site Safety Training Cards. This includes:

Type of Card	Number of Cards Issued
Temporary SST Card	867
Limited SST Card	3,469
Full SST Card	95,542
Supervisor SST Card	18,345

SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS

There are 117 course providers offering site safety training courses. Due to COVID-19, course providers introduced online training options which are widely available for workers. Currently, there are 48 course providers offering Live Virtual Training. Each course provider is offering multiple courses:

Title of Course	Providers Offering Course
8-Hour Fall Prevention	110
2-Hour Drug and Alcohol Awareness	109
2-Hour 'Tool Box' Talks	91
4-Hour Fall Prevention	90
2-Hour Pre-Task Meeting	87
4-Hour Supported Scaffold User & Refresher	88
2-Hour Site Safety Plan (SSP)	88

SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS

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Title of Course	Providers Offering Course
1-Hour Electrocution Prevention	77
1-Hour Handing Heavy Materials and Proper Lifting Techniques	71
1-Hour Asbestos/Lead Awareness	72
1-Hour Health and Safety Programs in Construction	71
1-Hour Job Hazard Analysis	71
1-Hour Welding and Cutting	49
1-Hour Protection from Sun Exposure	57

SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS

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Title of Course	Providers Offering Course
1-Hour Hoisting and Rigging	51
1-Hour First Aid and CPR	52
1-Hour Scaffolds-Suspended	45
1-Hour Concrete and Masonry Construction	44
1-Hour Ergonomics	71
1-Hour Risk Assessment and Accident Investigation	39
2.5-Hour Foundations of Safety Leadership	41
1-Hour Cranes, Derricks, Hoists, and Conveyors	44

SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS

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Title of Course	Providers Offering Course
1-Hour Excavations	48
1-Hour Demolition Safety	39
1-Hour Motor Vehicles, Mechanized Equipment and Marine Operations; Rollover Protective Structures and Overhead Protection; and Signs, Signals and Barricades	38
1-Hour Repetitive Motion Injuries	40
1-Hour Steel Erection	38

SITE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE PROVIDER AUDITS

The Department is performing both course audits and training provider administrative audits.

- Course audits include investigators auditing courses as they are being held, ensuring courses are the proper length, checking sign-in logs for accuracy, and recording the names of trainers and attendees to compare against training providers' records. To date, the Department has performed 187 course audits.
- Training provider administrative audits include ensuring that course providers are maintaining appropriate records, keeping the credentials of instructors on hand, utilizing an electronic database to track and readily validate training records upon the request of the Department, have Language Access Plans, and that providers are issuing Site Safety Training cards acceptable to the Department. To date, the Department has performed 234 training provider administrative audits.

ENFORCEMENT

- In 2018, the Department created the Construction Safety Compliance (CSC) Unit, which is dedicated to performing proactive safety compliance inspections. The CSC Unit inspects active construction sites, reviews construction Site Safety Plans, and enforces site safety training requirements. Since September 2018, when the CSC Unit was launched, the CSC Unit has conducted nearly **66,000** inspections at over **25,000** unique sites.
- The CSC Unit is primarily responsible for enforcing Local Law 196. Since enforcement began, the Department has found 1,295 jobsites where construction workers did not have appropriate Site Safety Training. This resulted in the issuance of over 3,900 OATH summonses. The Department has also made 264 referrals to the New York City Department of Investigation where it has found workers who possess fraudulent OSHA cards or where there have been allegations of suppliers of fraudulent OSHA cards.



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