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Site Safety News

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Fall Prevention

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For 12 consecutive years, fall protection ranks as OSHA's top citation. In 2020, there were 351 fatal falls to a lower level out of 1,008 construction fatalities according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Some effective ways for eliminating fall accidents are:

Train – Train every worker in fall protection and how to use fall protection equipment.

Plan – Make sure that you plan for a project ahead of time to discuss risks and how to eliminate them.

Provisions – Providing the right equipment for the job is critical.

Site Safety URGES everyone to get trained in fall protection. As part of raising awareness of fall accidents, Site Safety recently conducted free fall protection courses to workers.



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Site Safety is a Special Inspection Agency.

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The new Building Code requirement regarding Tenant Protection Plan ("TPP") inspections became effective November 7, 2022. A TPP is required for any alteration, construction or partial demolition of a building where at least one dwelling unit is occupied. The Building Code now requires periodic inspections to verify compliance with the TPP. Periodic Inspections are to be conducted as follows:

1. Prior to the start of construction and/or demolition;
2. At the start of construction and/or demolition;
3. Once per week during construction and/or demolition;
4. After a TPP violation has been issued;
5. When the location of the alteration or construction operations has moved to another location;
6. When construction or demolition operations change, requiring changes in protection.

Exceptions are when the work is limited to:

1. A three-family home;
2. The interior of a single dwelling unit of an occupied multiple dwelling with no disruption to the essential services of other units, where such dwelling is owner-occupied. For a dwelling unit within a property that is owned by a condominium or held by a shareholder of a cooperative corporation under a proprietary lease, the unit must be occupied by the owners of record for such unit; or
3. The interior of a single dwelling unit of an occupied multiple dwelling three stories or less in height.

These periodic inspections are classified as Special Inspections, thus, can be performed only by a licensed Special Inspection Agency. Site Safety has been a leader in preparing TPP's for decades and is licensed and available to perform TPP inspections for your project. Call us for a free consultation.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

Site Safety Managers/Coordinators can apply for a Superintendent License!

The definition of a "Major Building" has changed to 7 stories or 75 feet more from 10 stories or 125 feet more!

SST Card deadline is February 1st, 2023!



Are you ready for the February 1st Site Safety Training (SST) Card Deadline?

BY MARIA DIAZ, DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

There is only a week remaining to obtain your new Site Safety Training (SST) card. Here are some of the most common questions many students are asking.

Why a new card? - DOB is requiring it. Having the Training Connect card (SST Card) will allow you to carry ALL of your NYC DOB Training cards in one. Once you upgrade your SST card, a profile will be created where all of your training cards and certificates will be uploaded automatically. Whenever you attend a class and obtain a certificate, the training provider will upload it to your file. You will no longer need to carry more than one card; under Training Connect, (In the fall of 2021, the NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) introduced NYC DOB Training Connect, a web-based platform designed to centralize the needed information used in validating the site safety training (SST) required of construction workers) you will have them all!

Why do we have to pay? - Unfortunately, we, the Training Providers have to purchase the SST cards from DOB's vendor, MyComply (a provider of technology used to verify safety training, has been selected by the New York City Department of Buildings (NYC DOB) to build and administer the software behind an innovative construction safety database).

Do I need to carry my OSHA card now that I have an SST card? And does my OSHA card expire? - No, once you have an SST card you do not need to carry your OSHA card and your OSHA card no longer expires. You will need to renew the SST Card every 5 years by taking an 8-Hour (Worker) or 16-Hour (Supervisor) Training.

Can I take a scaffold class online to obtain my SST card? - You can take an online scaffold class in order to obtain your SST card; however, if you are working on a scaffold, you must take an in-person class. Online scaffold classes only issue certificates; in-person training will issue a picture ID wallet card.

Can I upgrade from a Worker card to a Supervisor card? - Yes you can! All you need to do is simply take additional 22 hours of training and we will upgrade your card.



Can I upgrade my SST card with Site Safety? Or does it have to be with the same provider who issued the original card? - Yes, we can upgrade your SST card. Call us at 212-683-7200 or email us at training@site-safety.com.

How long does it take for me to get the new SST card? - It can take up to 10 business days. Do not miss any days of work! Call us 212-683-7200 or email us training@site-safety.com.

Beginning February 1, 2023 Construction Sites Requiring DOB-Licensed Safety Professionals will Only Accept NYC DOB Training Connect Site Safety Training Cards.

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New Sidewalk Shed

BY PETER AMATO, PRESIDENT

New Sidewalk Shed Changes took effect on November 7, 2022 for all new sheds:

- Horizontal bracing must be installed 8' high for the construction of a Major Building or any shed whose deck is light transmitting plastic material.
- Vertical members must be installed 10' apart for the construction of a Major Building.
- Cross bracing will be permitted lower than 8' for a Major Building to prevent tripping hazards.
- No catch-all netting or vertically angled parapets will be allowed.
- Parapets will need to be wire mesh rather than plywood except for demolition projects which will remain hunter green plywood. Solid parapets may be used to support legal signage (signs may not be hung under a shed).
- Mesh parapets will need to be painted hunter green or metallic gray ("umbrella shed" can be white).
- Supports and backing of wire mesh frames must be painted hunter green.
- All steel members shall be painted hunter green or metallic gray (except that the "umbrella shed" may be painted white).
- Fences shall be inspected once a day when erected in conjunction with a shed.
- DOB encourages the "open shed" appearance and cantilevered design.
- A permit must be obtained from DOT for vertical members being placed in the street.
- Bolts, screws and sharp edges shall be protected.

*Note that sheds installed prior to November 7, 2022 do not need to change the design.

*The Building Code prohibits business or advertising signs or messages on sheds.



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