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ATTACHMENT 1
BUILDING TRADES EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION
SAFETY RECCOMENDATIONS PRESENTED TO
NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL
HOUSING AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE
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Legislative Proposals:

1. New York City Construction Safety and Standards Authority. Create a public benefit corporation funded by fees and fines, to take over inspection and licensing responsibilities from DOB.

Building Code Amendments:

1. Site Specific Safety Plan. All contractors pulling permits for new construction projects requiring a site safety manager or construction superintendent must submit a "site specific safety plan" addressing safety issues on the specific site covered by the permit. That plan must include provisions for a safety orientation program for new workers; provisions for weekly tool box talks devoted to safety matters; and provisions for specific safety meetings before unusually hazardous work.
2. OSHA 10 Hour Course. All construction workers must complete a 10 Hour OSHA Training Class.
3. Full-Time Dedicated Site Safety Manager. Construction managers and general contractors must have a full-time, dedicated site safety manager on new buildings higher than 3 stories.
4. Safety Manager: Concrete and Demolition. Concrete contractors and demolition contractors must have a full-time safety managers and safety coordinators respectively, who have completed the 30 Hour OSHA Competent Person Course, who shall monitor safety during pouring and demolition operations.



5. Certification of Workers Responsible for Rigging Operations. All employees engaged in the erection, dismantling or jumping of a tower, climber or crawler crane must complete a 30 Hour Training Program, obtain a certificate of fitness from DOB and refresh it every three years with an 8 Hour Course.
6. Crane Operations. The master rigger must hold a pre-tasking meeting before each crane operation to ensure every person knows his/her responsibilities and that the activities are carried out in as safe a manner as possible. In the event of a “near miss” the master rigger must report it to the DOB.
7. Construction Superintendent. The requirements of a construction superintendent, now in the form of a DOB rule, must be made part of the Building Code.
8. Best Squad Inspector. All Best Squad inspectors shall hold site safety licenses.
9. Falling Objects. The construction manager must report to DOB all incidents involving falling objects and within 24 hours of reporting such incidents submit a written statement to DOB detailing what fell and why.
10. Stop Work Orders. DOB cannot issue a full or partial Stop Work Order unless there is a condition that “poses an imminent threat to the safety of the public and the threat cannot be addressed or eliminated by actions less drastic than a Stop Work Order.” In addition, DOB shall inform the contractor of the specific code provisions it has violated, to state clearly what must be remedied to get the Stop Work Order lifted and to re-inspect four hours after DOB is informed that the unsafe conditions have been remedied. If the DOB inspector does not show up within four hours an independent professional engineer can certify that the remedial work has been performed and work may then continue.