


New Site Safety Requirements

Workers performing construction work at major buildings must complete a 10-hour course in construction safety.  [Local Law 41 of 2008](#) requires this training.

Approved Construction Safety Training Courses

Only training courses approved by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration or the Buildings Commissioner satisfy the LL41/2008 training requirement. Visit osha.gov for information on authorized [training facilities](#) and becoming an [authorized trainer](#).

Workers Required to Have 10-hour Training

All active trade workers, managers, foremen and project superintendents working at major buildings sites must complete this training. Registered Architects, Professional Engineers and Special Inspectors are exempt.

Major Buildings

The 2008 Buildings Code defines a structure with any of the following characteristics as a major building:

1. Ten stories or higher
2. 125 feet high or above
3. Lot coverage of 100,000 square feet or more (regardless of height)
4. Designated a major building by the Buildings Commissioner

Site Safety Plan Requirements

Site safety plans are required for construction, demolition and major alterations of the façade on major buildings. Site safety plans must include a statement that all workers have completed the required 10-Hour OSHA course and that all workers will have a site-specific safety orientation within seven days of employment.

Site Safety Plan & Site Safety Program Exceptions

Site safety plans and programs are not required for major buildings where:

- Façade alterations are between 10 and 14 stories high; and
- Partial demolitions are only for the structure's interior and no mechanical demolition equipment is used (other than handheld devices).

Enforcing Site Safety Requirements

These requirements apply to projects for which building permits are issued on July 1, 2009 and thereafter. Enforcement begins July 1, 2009.

Questions?

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