

UPCOMING CHANGE

2014 NYC Construction Codes: Accident and Incident Notification

Notification requirements for accidents and incidents are now included in the 2014 NYC Construction Codes. Please see 2014 NYC Building Code §3301.8 and §3302.1 for more information.

The permit holder – or duly authorized representative, such as the site safety manager or site safety coordinator at a major building project – must immediately notify the Department of Buildings when construction or demolition operations or site conditions lead to one of the following circumstances:

1. A fatality of a member of the public;
2. Any injury to a member of the public;
3. A worker fatality;
4. An worker injury that requires emergency transportation or emergency care at a hospital or offsite medical clinic;
5. Any structural collapse or material failure (complete or partial) of permanent or temporary construction, buildings/structures or excavations;
6. Any structural collapse or failure (complete or partial) of pedestrian protection (such as fences or sidewalk sheds) or scaffolding;
7. Any structural collapse or failure (complete or partial) of hoisting equipment (such as a crane or hoist) or material handling equipment (such as an excavator);
8. Any failure that results in hoisting equipment or material handling equipment overturning (fully or partially) or losing control of a load;
9. Any material fall exterior to the building or structure; or
10. Any damage to adjoining property (public or private).

Immediate notification must be made to the Department's Emergency Operations Center at (212) 393 – 2128.