Stop Work Orders

The Department issues a Stop Work Order when Inspectors find hazardous or unsafe work and/or conditions. Stop Work Orders are issued to protect workers, tenants, the public as well as buildings and properties from unsafe conditions.

**Full Stop Work Order**
Stops all work on a construction site or building, excluding any necessary remedial work to make the site safe.

**Partial Stop Work Order**
Stops a certain type of work or work on a particular section of the construction site or building. A partial Stop Work Order does not stop all work on the site and certain work is still allowed to continue

**Lifting a Stop Work Order**
To lift a Stop Worker Order:

1. Correct all the violating conditions that resulted in the issuance of the Stop Work Order
2. Request a re-inspection from the unit that issued the Stop Work Order to verify that all the violating conditions have been corrected.
3. Pay any applicable civil penalties

**Violation a Stop Work Order**
If the Department finds work being done against a Stop Work Order, additional violations may be issued:

First Violation of a Stop Work Order: $5,000
Any subsequent violation of a Stop Work Order: additional $10,000

The penalties for these violations must be paid before the Stop Work Order can be lifted.