

Highway Inspections & Quality Assurance (HIQA)



City of New York

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HIQA Mission Statement

- To maintain the integrity of the streets of the City of New York
- To increase the level of safety for both pedestrian and vehicle travel throughout the City of New York
- To expedite the flow of traffic, for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic around the construction zones

HIQA Operational Overview

- Total forces consist of 150 Inspectors
- Offices in all five boroughs (Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Bronx, & Staten Island)
- Night Crew – Citywide Operation
- Emergency Authorization Unit - Citywide Operation
- Highway Unit – Citywide Operation
- 24/7 operation-365 days a year

Laws, Rules & Specifications Enforced by HIQA

- NYC DOT Rules and Regulations
- NYC Administrative Code Title 19
- NYC DOT Standard Specifications

HIQA Roles and Responsibilities

- **Street Excavations**
 - *Utility Companies (Consolidated Edison, National Grid, Verizon)*
 - *Plumbers*
 - *Franchises*
 - *Other City Agencies (Dept. of Environmental Protections, Parks Dept.)*
- **Building Operations (New or Renovated Buildings)**
 - *Cranes (only the placement of the unit)*
 - *Storage of Materials*
 - *Containers*
 - *Sidewalk and Roadway Closures*
- **Emergency Permits (Street and Utility Access Cover Openings)**
 - *Cable failure*
 - *Broken sewer or water main lines*
 - *Electrical Feeder outage*
- **Sidewalk Construction**
- **NYS Arterial Highway Contracts**

HIQA Enforcement

Permits

Working with valid Permits

- Street Opening or Closing
- Storage of material
- Crane permits

Following Permit Stipulations

- Days and times contractor can work
- Number of lanes a contractor can close
- Proper signage (bike lanes, closures)

Specifications

- Proper street excavation restoration
- Site safety (flag person, signs, steel plates secured)
- Restoring in kind (concrete roadways, cobblestone)

HIQA Enforcement Tools

Notices of Violation (NOV's)

- *Summonses issued for violating DOT Rules & Regulations or Administrative Code*
- *Fines Range from \$250 - \$4000*

Corrective Action Request (CAR's)

- *Notice to contractor to repair defect*
- *Notice gives contractors 30 days to repair conditions*
- *Failure to correct will result in summonses*

Notification for Immediate Corrective Action (NICA)

- *Notice to contractors to immediately repair defects*
- *Contractors given two to three hours to correct the condition*
- *Failure to correct will result in summonses*

Construction Material Blocking Diplomatic Parking Spots



Construction Near Embassy



Contractor Not Following Permit Time Stipulations



Defacements

What is a Defacement?

- The NYC Administrative Code Section 19-138 (b) defines a defacement as:
 - Defacing. Except as otherwise provided by law, it shall be unlawful for any person to deface any street by painting, printing or writing thereon, or attaching thereto, in any manner, any advertisement or other printed matter.
- Defacements are common in NYC, but also illegal.
 - **Example:** Yellow paint on curbs, sidewalks and roadways are defacements. Yellow paint is the most common defacement but not the only defacement. Defacements are created in varies shapes, sizes and colors.
 - Defacements are illegal because it discourages parking on public streets.
 - The public should always follow posted DOT parking regulations signs.

Regulation of Defacement

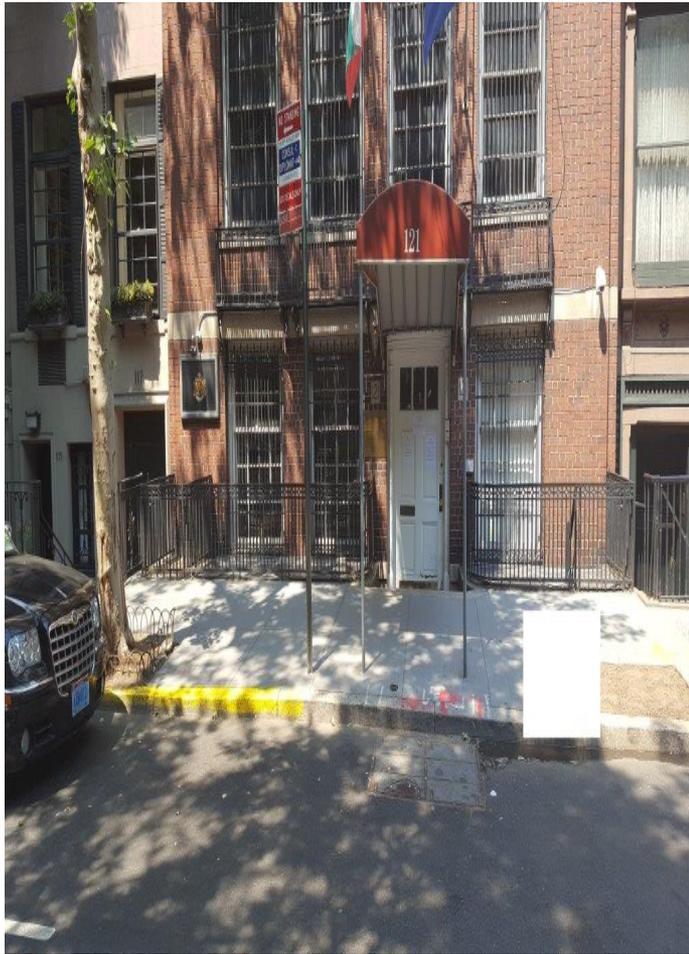
Driveways and defacement?

- Driveways should never be marked by any color paint.
- If you are blocked in your driveway, you should contact your local police precinct, NYPD has the ability to ticket and towed illegally parked vehicles.
 - DOT does not ticket or tow vehicles; however, if a property owner deface their property because they are continuously blocked in and we receive a complaint. We will respond to the complaint by dispatching an inspector to the location and issuing a Notice of Defacement.

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of sidewalk/curb/road is governed by Administrative Code 19-138 (b) and enforced through violation code D31. The civil penalties for defacement violation range from \$250 to \$1,000

Examples of a Defacement



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