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A Local Law to amend the New York city building code, in relation to requiring site-specific safety orientations for workers at construction sites

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 33 of the New York city building code is amended to add a new section 3301.11, to read as follows:

3301.11 Site safety orientation and refresher. Each permit holder at a site that requires a site safety manager, site safety coordinator, or construction superintendent shall ensure that each construction or demolition worker employed or otherwise engaged at such site by the permit holder or performing subcontracted work for or on behalf of such permit holder receives a site safety orientation and refresher in accordance with the requirements of Sections 3301.11.1 through 3301.11.5.

3301.11.1 Site safety orientation. Each worker employed or otherwise engaged at such site by the permit holder or performing subcontracted work for or on behalf of such permit holder shall receive a site safety orientation before such worker commences any construction or demolition work at such site.

3301.11.2 Site safety refresher. Each worker employed or otherwise engaged at such site by the permit holder or performing subcontracted work for or on behalf of such permit holder shall receive a site safety refresher if such worker (i) has performed construction or demolition work at such site for one year or more and (ii) one year or more has elapsed since such worker received a site safety orientation or refresher with respect to such site.

3301.11.3 Site safety orientation and refresher to be conducted by qualified person. Site safety orientations and refreshers required by this section shall be conducted by a qualified person designated by the permit holder. Such qualified person shall have the ability to communicate with each worker who takes part in such orientation or refresher.

3301.11.4 Site safety orientation and refresher content. Site safety orientations and refreshers required by this section shall include a review of safety procedures at such site and any hazardous activities to be performed at such site.

3301.11.5 Records. A record of all orientations conducted for the site shall be maintained by the permit holder and kept at the site. Such record shall include for each such orientation or refresher:

1. The date and time of such orientation or refresher;
2. The name, title and company affiliations of each worker who participated; and
3. The name, title and company affiliation of the qualified person who conducted such orientation or refresher, along with such person's signature.

§ 2. Section 3310.10.1 of Chapter 33 of the New York city building code is amended to read as follows:

3310.10.1 Orientation. [All workers employed at a major building site shall receive a site-specific safety orientation program. This program shall include a review of any hazardous activities of the job that are relevant to the tasks and activities to be performed. All workers must attend such a program no later than seven days after commencing their employment at the site.] The requirements of Section 3301.11 shall apply.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of buildings may take such measures as are necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, before such effective date.

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